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Brrr!!!



The cold temperatures froze the coves on the north side of the West Island causeway as seen in this photo of Earl's Marina on Sunday, 1/27. The temperature rose quickly and the region was hit with enough rain on Tuesday night to melt the snow and melt the ice. The forecast at press time called for more warm weather and rain, along with strong winds through the end of the week and a chance of snow on Sunday. See page 12 for more ice photos. *Photo by Beth Dvaid. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Whoop hoo!!! It's still light out. After seven years I may be finally getting the hang of this.

Fun gig this weekend, everyone. The Fairhaven Village Militia is holding a winter encampment on the lawn of the Academy building (near the high school). Check out page 6 for details.

A couple of hours ago I saw an article that a five-year-old is on warning of suspension for making a gun out of Legos. They say it's dangerous for his classmates.

Um...er...it doesn't SHOOT, people. It doesn't shoot. Heaven help us all.

I guess it's time to outlaw any Legos that are capable of being made into guns. Play-Doh, too, I guess.

It doesn't SHOOT, people. What is wrong with you? The Legos by themselves are more dangerous because you can throw them at someone.

Of course, the school is saying there's more to it, that the child is a rotten little brat (my words...) who threatens kids all the time and won't listen when they tell him not to point his hand like a gun and say "pow," or whatever.

Okay, so here's an idea: you are educators, so... EDUCATE. Teach him right from wrong...just an idea.

Oh wait, one of the teachers said that very thing in the article, quoted as saying, "You need to educate students, and you need to educate parents." (Superintendent of Hyannis schools).

So, then, do that, educate...PLEASE!

She even brought up the Newtown murders. Really?

Really? You really want to go there? A five-year-old with a Lego gun is being compared to a mass murderer? A five-year-old....FIVE!!!!

Heaven help us all.

On another note: I would've picked Barney Frank, but, hey, I don't have a staff, so what do I know?

The most interesting part of all this Kerry-as-Secretary-of-State business is that Elizabeth Warren will be the senior senator from Mass. after only a few weeks on the job.

At first glance, that might seem to be a bad thing, not getting help from our senior guy. It is ironic, at any rate, considering that for decades Mass. changed senators as often as England changed queens (well, not quite). Now we have this revolving door.

I think it's great, though. It'll be harder for Warren to find her way around, maybe, but it'll be easier for her to carve her own little piece of the pie, be out from under anyone's shadow. She will shine on her own (or not), by her own merits (or lack thereof).

Should be fun to watch.

Okay, I'm done here...and it's still light out!!!

Yippee!!!! Maybe I'll go for a walk. Until next week then...

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Remembering Newtown



On Monday, January 14, 2013, 27 individuals made up of clients, staff and volunteers from Fairhaven Senior Social Day, the Council on Aging, Active Day of New Bedford and several seniors from the community participated in the fundraiser, "Fairhaven Remembers Newtown," started by Fairhaven Selectboard member Bob Espindola. Participants walked around the Recreation Center gym and donated \$105.00 to the victims of Newtown, CT, where 20 children and women were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School. ABOVE, L-R: Volunteer Chris Lavault and client Grace Goble walk around the Fairhaven Recreation Center gym in a fundraiser for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School murders. *Submitted photo.*

FIA awards vets medals case



In a ceremony held on December 11, 2012, Fairhaven Improvement Association Vice President, Sharon Lacroix, awarded a Veteran's Medals Case to William Henderson. Mr. Henderson served with honor from 1946 to December 1948 in the US Army Air Corps. While there, he worked as a Photo Lab Technician. He received the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Victory Medal. Thomas Meredith represented National Lumber Company, sponsor of this year's Medals Case. He offered his congratulations by stating "From a grateful nation, we thank you for your service." The Veteran's Medals Case is awarded annually to a veteran chosen at the Veteran's Day Dinner Dance. Jim Leal, an FIA Board member and Korean War Veteran, collates the information provided by the recipient, any photos from his or her time in the service, and medals received. They are arranged in a mahogany and glass box for display. *Submitted photo.*

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Roderiques and Osuch play the numbers game...again

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

It was obvious from early on in the 1/24 meeting that Fairhaven Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques's Big Gulp of soda was half empty, not half full.

First order of business at the FinCom meeting was to organizing the thick blue budget binders, but not without difficulties with out-of-order pages and a couple of missing totals.

Between diatribes, the committee listened as Mr. Roderiques went through each budget request article for the Annual Town Meeting warrant, offering brief comments on his first impressions, and engaging Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch is heated discussions.

"These better be right," Mr. Roderiques said.

Mr. Osuch assured Mr. Roderiques that the "certified figures," complete with certified stamp, were accurate.

"You're off," said Mr. Roderiques to Mr. Osuch. "Your numbers are off again."

Mr. Osuch needed to see it to believe, but Mr. Roderiques was reluctant to hand over the paper. Mr. Roderiques let out a jolly laugh and took a sip of his Big Gulp. "See? I'm right again," he said while grinning. Mr. Osuch just shook his head no.

Specific numbers were not discussed in great detail, but general budgetary issues were more than just touched upon. Mr. Roderiques criticized the Selectboard for its decision to hold off until the government releases the amount of state aid the Town will receive before releasing final budget numbers for Town Meeting to approve.

He said, "The excuse is bunk."

As the committee dove further into budget discussions, grief arose over the veterans' requests budget, which Mr. Roderiques said presently has an anticipated \$100,000 shortfall. According to Mr. Roderiques, the state has not diligently complied with its duty to annually reimburse the Town 75%. He said the percentage has been as low as 45%.

Mr. Roderiques shared his concerns as they continued down the list of articles, including the Historical Commission's budget which Mr. Roderiques said, nine years later, still needs an operations budget line.

As for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay and the Nasketucket River Valley Land Preservation Project currently underway, Mr. Roderiques said it is nice that everyone wants to be green and conserve, but that governments will "preserve land right to the point of destroying your tax base."

Mr. Osuch said he agreed with Mr. Roderiques 100% on that point.

"I could put this whole state in the black in about two seconds," said Mr. Roderiques.

An article from the harbormaster requesting a budget to restrict the location of house boats elicited a "yeah, whatever," from Mr. Roderiques.

However, Mr. Roderiques reacted strongly to an article submitted by Selectperson Bob Espindola to lease rooftops, such as at the new Wood

The three people at the top...where the sewage flows at the top of that hill...are responsible for a lot of the Town's problems

[John Roderiques]

School and at the old Staffon property, for solar panel installation.

"I'm not allowing the selectmen to enter into leases," said Mr. Roderiques. He said negotiating leases and presenting them to Town Meeting was one thing, but not the authority to enter into leases.

"I'm telling you he (Mr. Espindola) submitted the article," Mr. Osuch said to Mr. Roderiques.

"I gotcha," Mr. Roderiques replied.

An article for cots for the Emergency Management Agency elicited a sarcastic "yay" from Mr. Roderiques, and a request to repair two headstones for \$450 did not receive a warm response from the chair.

"We are not peoples' caretakers of peoples' burial plots," said Mr. Roderiques while tapping his foot

loudly.

An article requesting new computers and cell phones for employees got Mr. Roderiques fired up and eventually led to a heated exchange between Mr. Roderiques and Mr. Osuch.

"Do you even have an IT system in place? Because I am not buying hardware to sit in boxes for months," said Mr. Roderiques. He brought up an incident when two servers were requested years ago, and granted, and one server remained unopened in the box and unused.

Mr. Osuch said the former finance director was the person who requested the servers.

Mr. Roderiques said there is one concept in government that he believes in: "It's the only place where sewage flows uphill," he said.

Recently appointed FinCom member Phil Washko asked, "Has anyone looked at outsourcing IT?"

A long silent pause followed.

The Town contracts a technician to come in every week, according to Mr. Roderiques, but he said it was probably inadequate.

"If you guys could ever play nice with the school department," said Mr. Roderiques to Mr. Osuch, "(The Town) could start a town-wide IT department...A teacher once told me the word American ends with 'I can.'"

"I am one person," said Mr. Osuch defensively, "and I sit here every year and I take the grief for a lot of people. You're not going to accomplish everything in one night."

Mr. Roderiques responded by saying many issues should have been resolved years ago.

"John, I told you once and I'll tell you again," said Mr. Osuch. "I can only do so many things. There's got to be a lot of people involved to get this accomplished."

"They've finally listened to some of my complaints," said Mr. Roderiques.

The board concluded that FinCom would probably need two meetings to get all the votes for recommendations completed.

Before adjourning, Mr. Osuch told the committee that two decisions would need to be addressed: indirect costs, and local receipts. He recommended adopting formal budget procedures and policy regarding local

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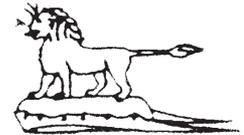
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The Fairhaven Community Garden would like to know if you are interested in having a small plot in a community garden (our current location is at Hastings Middle School and a future location may be at East Fairhaven Elementary). For \$10 you will be given a 4 x 8 foot bed beside other Fairhaven gardeners to grow your own vegetables this summer.

Please let the committee know of your interest or questions by calling Laurie Hellstrom at 508-993-3802 or emailing lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com. Additional information and 2013 guidelines are available at www.fairhavencommunitygarden.org.

Winter Encampment

The Revolutionary War era will come to life again in Fairhaven at a historical winter encampment scheduled for **Saturday, February 2, at the Academy Building**, 141 Main Street, just off Route 6 on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School.

Throughout the day members of the Fairhaven Village Militia will live in an authentic period camp the same way it was done more than 230 years ago. Men, women and children dressed in period clothing will reenact camp life in the 1770s and talk about the town's Revolutionary War history. They will also be demonstrating campfire cooking, fire starting with flint and steel, military drilling, loading and firing flintlock muskets and rifles, 18th-century dentistry and medicine, cannon firing and more.

For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email Fairhaventours@aol.com.

FBA Meeting

The next meeting of the Fairhaven Business Association will be on **Tuesday, February 5, at 4PM** at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David

Drown Blvd., Fairhaven, MA

Guest Speaker will be State Representative William Straus. All business owners in Fairhaven are encouraged to attend. For more information about the FBA visit <http://fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com/>

Little League

2013 Fairhaven Acushnet Little League Baseball signups will be held on **Sunday Feb 10 from 5-8** at the Fairhaven complex on Shaw Rd (upstairs), **Monday Feb 11 from 6-8pm** at the Acushnet VFW 28 Roosevelt St in Acushnet, **Tuesday Feb 12 from 6-8pm** at the Fairhaven complex on Shaw Rd (upstairs), **Wednesday Feb 13 from 6-8pm** at the Acushnet VFW 28 Roosevelt St in Acushnet

For further details, please visit our Facebook page or email fairhavenacushnetlittleleague@gmail.com.

Valentine's Dance

Valentine's dance to benefit Fairhaven veterans at VFW Fairhaven, Feb. 9. See ad on page 24 for details.

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.

Preschool Applications

Preschool applications for the 2013/2014 school year are now being accepted for the Fairhaven Public School Integrated Preschool Program located at the East Fairhaven Elementary School.

The child must be 3 (by August 31) or 4 years of age and must be a resident of Fairhaven. Parents must arrange transportation for the child to and from the program. Children to be enrolled in the program will be determined by lottery.

If you would like an application

please contact Beth Mitchell at 508-979-4058, or you can get them on line, or pick one up at the Administration Center, located at 128 Washington Street, or at any of the elementary schools.

Applications for the 2012/2013 school year **must be received by February 28, 2013**. The Preschool screening times will be scheduled for Tues., March 5th and Wed., March 13th.

Free Trees

Spring Planting is Near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Blue Spruce Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Massachusetts who joins the Foundation in February 2013 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2013, or visit arborday.org/february.

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.

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

Frederick Douglass Read-A-Thon

The New Bedford Historical Society invites the public to the 13th annual Frederick Douglass community read-a-thon of *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, written by Douglass himself (1845).

Read-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, February 10, from 2-6 PM, at Friends Meeting House, 83 Spring Street, New Bedford.

If you would like to be a reader, please contact the NBHS office at 508-979-8828 or email Laurie Robertson-Lorant at info@nbhistoricalsociety.org

Program supported by the New Bedford Day Nursery Fund Helen Ellis Foundation and CHT Foundation.

Dock-U-Mentaries

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues in February with two programs which look back to the days of wooden boats and iron men **in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.** All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

2PM Sunday, February 3 – *Dad, I Wanna Go Fishin'* is an intimate portrait of commercial fishing on the F/V Little Infant out of Provincetown. The 90 minute film combines footage from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s with expert narration by retired fisherman, Peter R. Cook. The film premiered in June 2012 at the Provincetown International Film Festival and was produced by Peter R. Cook and Paul deRuyter. Mr. Cook will be on hand to

introduce the film and answer questions following the screening.

7PM Friday, February 15 - *Port of New Bedford Then and Now* Phil Mello has been documenting New Bedford's working waterfront since 1975. He will share his photographs and observations about the port. Mr. Mello is Plant Manager at Bergie's Seafood and is the immediate past President of the New Bedford Port Society.

Jim Dwyer and Paul Swain, who worked on the New Bedford waterfront for over 50 years, will share their collection of waterfront nicknames and some of the stories behind them.

For more information on the Working Waterfront Festival visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

For more information about the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov.

Airport Plan Mtg

The New Bedford Regional Airport Commission and the City of New Bedford will host a second public conversation on the Airport Master Plan update in the Airline Terminal at New Bedford Regional Airport. The public is invited to join the Airport Commission, Airport Solutions Group, and CDM Smith Consultants for a discussion regarding updating the New Bedford Regional Airport.

This public information conversation will be held **Tuesday, February 5, at 6-8pm at the Airline Terminal Building, 1569 Airport Road at New Bedford Regional Airport.**

The public may also weigh in on the Airport Master Plan Update through the New Bedford Regional Airport page on the City website at www.newbedford-ma.gov or via the following link <http://www.airportsolutionsgroup.com/EWB/info.htm>

For more information, please contact Thomas Vick, Airport Manager, Thomas.Vick@newbedford-ma.gov.

Womens' Fund

On Thursday, February 7th at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Women's Fund will host an evening of learning and networking spotlighting several recipients of Women's Fund grants. "Sharing Our Stories,

Connecting Our Visions" begins promptly at 5:45 PM with an introduction from leaders from the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Ocean Explorium, WISE Women and the YWCA. Attendees will learn about programs supported by Women's Fund grants and hear directly from women and girls who have benefitted. Celebration will follow immediately with food, fun, networking and wine included in the \$30 registration fee.

Pre-registration and payment is strongly encouraged and can be done online at www.womensfundsema.org (just click "donate today" to register.) If you have questions or would prefer to register by phone or e-mail, please contact Jeanette at 508-717-0283 or Jdoyle@womensfundsema.org. Prior to the event, beginning at 5 PM at the Whaling Museum, the Women's Fund will hold its annual meeting. Registrants are welcome to join that as well.

Fish Talk

The Ocean Explorium's Global Voice Science on a Sphere® Evening Series continues on **Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m.** with John K. Bullard, the Northeast Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries, who will discuss "The Changing Fisheries."

Mr. Bullard will provide a thought-provoking and engaging presentation on the changing state of fishery resources in the northeast, and the challenges being faced by fishermen and fishery managers to preserve both fish and fishermen, since each is essential to historic fishing communities like New Bedford.

Continue the conversation with our speaker immediately following the talk in the private dining room at Cork Wine and Tapas Bar, 90 Front Street. Cork will offer a special menu of foods and beverages, including special pricing, exclusively for Global Voice attendees on February 6.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm for Science on a Sphere® presentations, highlighting such factors as ocean circulation patterns and ocean acidification, which impact various fisheries. Mr. Bullard's talk will begin at 6:30 pm.

Every Wednesday in March, the Girls Interested in Real Life Science

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

eReader Classes

Free eReader classes are being held at the Southworth Library to demonstrate how to borrow ebooks from the library using the library's free downloadable media services, Overdrive and Freading. The free eReader classes are being divided into three sessions by the types of devices being used:

- Kindle users: Tues., Feb 5, 6:00 p.m.
- NOOK users: Sat., Feb 9, 10:00 a.m.
- iPad/iPhone/iPod users: Tuesday, Feb 26, 6:00 p.m.

Participants should bring their library card, a fully charged eReader and the eReader USB cord. If the device cannot go on the Internet and you have a laptop, bring the laptop as well. Participants should also bring their user name and password for their Amazon.com (Kindle), Apple ID (iPad) or Barnes & Noble account (NOOK).

All sessions will be held in the Southworth Library Auditorium located at 732 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, MA 02748. Call 508-999-0726 for more information. The events are free and the location is wheelchair accessible.

Time Exchange

The Southeastern Massachusetts Time Exchange will hold its first, All-Exchange Pot-Luck, on **Wednesday, February 6 from 6-8pm at the BCC Green Center**, located beside Bicentennial Park on the second floor of the Commonwealth Building, 1082 Davol St, Fall River.

All Time Exchange members, interested friends, and the general public are invited to share food, tell exchange stories, get to know each other, welcome newcomers, discover more about timebanking, (also called time exchange), and even join on the spot. The Time Exchange is about bringing people together to become friends and find new ways to help each other by giving and getting community service hours. We will meet and greet, then eat and visit.

For more information visit www.exchangetime.org or call 774-955-0551.

Call for Artists

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) is seeking an artist to decorate an "iron ranger" to be

placed at Parsons Reserve daffodil field, located near Russell's Mills Village in Dartmouth MA. Over 5,000 people visit the daffodil field each spring, and DNRT will use the decorated iron ranger to collect donations and memberships to support its ongoing work preserving the Parsons Reserve and other special places in Dartmouth.

Artists should submit nature-themed color design ideas, based on the dimensions of the iron ranger. You could choose to cover it with flowers, or animals, or make it a field, forest or pond scene. Have fun with it — the more creative the design, the more likely people will notice it!

Designs should also make clear that it is a donation box and highlight the slot where the donations go into the box. The iron ranger is currently at DNRT office and can be viewed with prior notice to help with design inspiration. A picture is also on the website: www.dnrt.org.

DNRT will award the winner a free membership for 1 year in DNRT and a basket of DNRT gear, including a "Take a Hike" T-shirt, water bottle, vintage hat and the Guide to Outdoor Recreation in Dartmouth. Not only will the art be seen by over 5,000 people every year, but the artist will also be recognized in the press and at our annual "members only" Wine and Cheese Party.

All design submissions must be received by February 19, 2013, and sent in via email or the postal service, or dropped off at the DNRT office at 404 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748. The winner will be announced on March 1st. Once chosen, the artist will have until April 1st to complete painting before the box is installed at the Parsons Reserve. DNRT will purchase the paint needed for the chosen design.

If you have any questions, please contact Stasia at 508-991-2289 or stasia@dnrt.org

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.

2013 marks twenty years of quality 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.

Take a child to the library day

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is celebrating **February 2nd** in a big way, and not just because it's Ground Hog Day. It's the second annual National Take Your Child to the Library Day, and the entire Saturday is filled with fun events and story times for children and their families.

The Lego Club is encouraging all to stop in and use the library's Legos to create something fun any time during the day. The Chess Club will have chess sets ready to go for those who would like to try out a new move or find a partner and learn.

Stories will be read throughout the day beginning at 10 am and ending a little before 4 pm when the library closes. Readers will include library staff and local celebrity readers such as Principal Mrs. Bowman; Tricia

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Recipe of the Week: Turkey Potpies

2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
 3 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch slices
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 celery rib, diced
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 3 cups chicken broth
 4 cups cubed cooked turkey
 2/3 cup frozen peas
 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream, divided
 1 tbsp minced fresh parsley
 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 package (15 ounces) refrigerated pie pastry
 1 egg

In a Dutch oven, saute the potatoes, carrots, onion and celery in butter and oil until tender. Stir in flour until blended; gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in the turkey, peas, 1/2 cup cream, parsley, garlic salt and pepper.

Spoon into two ungreased 9-in. pie plates. Roll out pastry to fit top of each pie; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut out a decorative center or cut slits in

pastry. In a small bowl, whisk egg and remaining cream; brush over pastry.

Cover and freeze one potpie for up to 3 months. Bake the remaining potpie at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.

To use frozen potpie: Remove from the freezer 30 minutes before baking. Cover edges of crust loosely with foil; place on a baking sheet. Bake at 425° for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°; remove foil. Bake 55-60 minutes longer or until golden brown. (6 servings each pie) From *www.TasteOfHome.com*

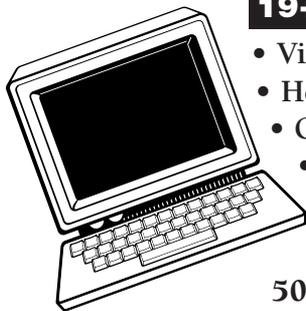
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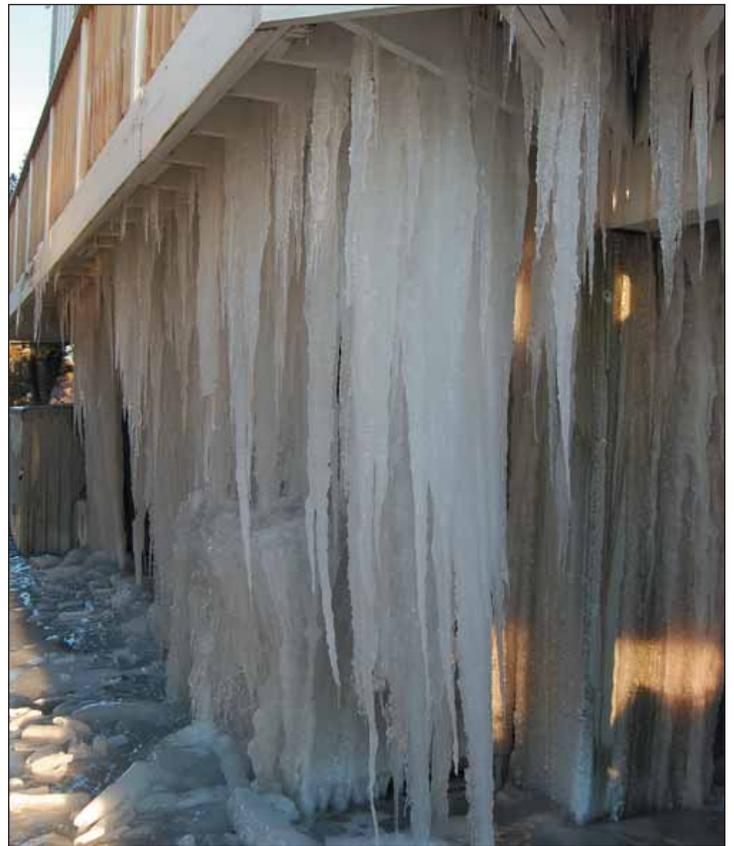
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The cold temperatures froze the coves on the north side of the West Island causeway. The temperature rose quickly and the region was hit with enough rain on Tuesday night to melt the snow and melt the ice. Visit West Island Weather's website at <http://www.westislandweather.com/> for forecast and other local weather information. ABOVE LEFT: The frigid weather doesn't bother this seagull as it flies over partially frozen water on the north side of the West Island Causeway on Sunday, 1/27. ABOVE RIGHT: The marsh on the north side of Goulart Memorial Drive is frozen after a spate of frigid weather in the region. LEFT LOWER: The Wind Turbines in the distance on Goulart Memorial Drive, with the frozen beach in the forefront as the sun begins to set on 1/27. BOTTOM: On 1/27, icicles hang under a house on Balsam Street that experienced a broken pipe after the heating system went out during the extra cold weather the region has been experiencing. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



DOR meets with Selectboard, explains recommendations

By Beth David

Editor

The authors of the Department of Revenue report that made 34 recommendations about Fairhaven town government met with the selectboard in a meeting open to the public on Thursday, 1/24.

Zack Blake, Financial Management Analyst for the Division of Local Services (DLS) at DOR, and Joseph Markarian, Director of Technical Assistance in the DLS, spoke often of a "global vision" for the town as an explanation for consolidating decision making in at least two key areas.

The report recommends eliminating the Executive Secretary/strong Selectboard model and going to a strong town administrator/manager model. The report also recommends eliminating the Board of Public Works, with most of its duties falling to the new administrator; and changing the way the Finance Committee is selected, giving that power solely to the elected Town Moderator.

Selectboard chair Brian Bowcock said the report gave the town a "road map of how we might be able to improve Fairhaven government," and provide services, but that the town and town meeting would be the ultimate decision makers.

Mr. Blake said the town's conservative budget practices have resulted in its good bond rating and that its obligations are being met and the town's "debt burden is reasonable."

He also said, however, that the town's treatment of its stabilization fund and free cash needed to be "more formalized."

The biggest change would be the adoption of a town administrator.

Everyone in the room agreed that the selectboard routinely gives Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch authority to work outside the scope of his position in order for the town's work to get done on a day-to-day basis. He is still, however, constrained in some areas by his job description and limited to the authority of the selectboard. For example, he has no direct authority over staff. The report also recommends eliminating the personnel board, with the new town administrator acting as personnel director.

Mr. Blake said creating the town administrator position would codify what is largely already happening.

He and Mr. Markarian both described the current structure as "linear" and said it needed to be more like a pyramid, with the town administrator at the top.

The new town administrator would take on some of the responsibilities of the town finance director/treasurer, a position that would be combined with the collector's position. The departure of town treasurer John Nunes and the impending retirement of town collector Carol Brandolini offers a unique opportunity to combine the two positions without eliminating any personnel.

"All of us have a conservative approach to town government," said Dr. Bowcock. "We have the approach,

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but it's not put down as a policy."

"The group that exists today may not always be here," said Mr. Blake. "So how do we cement that philosophy for the future?"

Mr. Osuch will be retiring within two years.

The report also recommends the elimination of the BPW, with the superintendents reporting to the town administrator instead.

Mr. Markarian said it would streamline the process for capital improvements because the same person handling the budget would be responsible for allocating funds for roads, etc.

Planning board chairperson Wayne Hayward said he was concerned that some BPW functions that should be public hearings would be further pushed out of the public eye, such as water and sewer rates.

He complained that he never

remembered a public hearing on water and sewer rates in Fairhaven, but the option of going to the board meant it would be aired publicly.

"It's a feedback," he said. Some things are public decisions, or should be."

He also said that the Selectboard could be overwhelmed with public hearings from individual citizens who may not get satisfaction from a meeting with the new town administrator.

Finance Committee chairperson John Roderiques has made no secret of his opposition to the FinCom being appointed by anyone. He did, however, agree that 13 members might be a bit too many.

He took a shot at the Selectboard's recent vote to support a committee of "up to eight," instead of an odd number.

Mr. Markarian agreed that it made "no sense" to have an even number.

Mr. Markarian also told the board that he was moderator in his hometown and was responsible for appointing FinCom members. He said having the responsibility sit with one person meant that the person would be likely to seek out people who would bring certain skills to the table and who would be likely to attend meetings regularly.

The board also discussed at length the proposal by the report to reformulate the way indirect costs are calculated, which would result in an increase of more than \$200,000 to be charged to the water and sewer enterprise funds. Indirect costs include pension, healthcare and payroll office costs that are handled by town hall employees.

Some of the DOR's recommendations would require a vote of the state legislature if approved by town meeting, including the change to a town administrator and elimination of the BPW. Some would require a town meeting vote and some would simply require a policy change and can be implemented immediately.

Mr. Blake also emphasized that the town had managed well during the economic downturn, and that the economy was turning around.

"Things are gonna get better," said Mr. Blake.

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Acushnet solvent because of “creative financing”

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Town of Acushnet emerged from another fiscal year intact thanks to what Finance Director Cathy Doane termed a little “creative financing” and team effort. Despite significant decreases in state aid and a challenging economy, Ms. Doane told the Selectboard on 1/28 that Acushnet has “weathered the storm” as the Town now prepares for budget season for FY2014.

State aid dropped from 40% of Acushnet’s revenue in 2002 to 31% in 2012, shifting the financial burden onto the Acushnet taxpayers. Ms. Doane said the hardest challenge Acushnet faces in FY2014 will be maintaining its current level of services.

She laid out the highlights of the different ways the Town reduced costs, with changes to health insurance policy at the top of the list. According to Ms. Doane, about \$700,000 has been saved over the past several years, with \$272,000 saved in 2012 alone.

Increases in alternative energy sources, like solar panels on the fire station roof, have alleviated some energy spending, and the Town is continuing to seek alternatives by participating in a Green Communities Act energy audit.

Labor negotiations, a reduction in staff, the consolidation of the fire and EMS departments, and initiatives to reduce overtime were all part of the financial master plan.

The creative financing campaign consisted of seeking loan alternatives before borrowing, such as grants, gifts, donations, and Chapter 90 funding. Refinancing opportunities

like the refinancing of the golf course bond saved the Town \$463,000 in interest.

A switch from semi-annual to quarterly tax collection has improved cash flow, eliminating some of the need for short-term borrowing.

Glowing reports from the Department of Revenue and the auditors along with the Town’s excellent bond rating, says Ms. Doane, are why Acushnet is so highly regarded by peer communities.

The FY2014 outlook calls for further cost containment, more creative

residents.

“While we do well, we never stop looking to do better,” said Selectboard member Leslie Dakin.

“That’s the option of the future,” agreed Town Administrator Alan Coutinho.

FinCom Chairperson Robert St. Jean chalked up the town’s success to the high level of cooperation from all parties involved.

Results from the annual audit came back unremarkable, with no significant issues of any kind arising in the report. Mike Nelligan, a representative from the auditing firm, told the board that FY2013 was an uneventful year, pretty much as it was the year before.

“It’s a very well-run community,” said Mr. Nelligan.

As if he were waiting for the other shoe to drop, Mr. Wojnar commented that receiving a good report from the auditor year after year is much like being a Patriots fan.

“You come to expect the good things...but you run the risk of disappointment,” he said.

Progress in the restoration of the old saw mill property on Mill Road brought Buzzards Bay Coalition Restoration Ecologist Sarah Quintal before the board to show off the newly developed concept plan for the project slated for completion by the summer of 2014.

The BBC secured \$1.2 million in funding from the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council, prompting the hiring of an engineering firm to draft the plan. The project is now entering the permitting process.

The 20-acre property purchased in 2007 lies alongside both the Acushnet

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financing, and prudent planning during a projected year of “limited growth and continued caution.”

“There won’t be enough in the long-term without creative financing,” said Ms. Doane.

Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar hopes developing attractive commercial opportunities within town will help “preserve the quality of life here.”

Selectperson Kevin Gaspar concurred, adding that more commercial property zoning will help lessen the financial burden of

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River and Mill Pond. The site boasts meadows and woodlands, but also significant areas of pavement that will be replaced with natural species of flora and become part of a network of wheelchair accessible nature trails.

The site will feature an education center established from the one building that has not been demolished, also serving as a trail head for the system with maps of trails and signage on the history of the property.

Large granite rocks excavated from the site will be placed in semi circles around a new amphitheater capable of seating up to 60 students attending

education circles.

Included in the plan is an area to launch canoes and kayaks, a raised overlook, and an area set aside for planting an orchard.

"I think this is perhaps the most exciting project right now in Acushnet," said Mr. Wojnar.

Also at the meeting, the board agreed to look into developing an efficient system for assigning house numbers to new residences after a recent new home encountered delays during the process.

In other business:

- The board accepted with regret the

resignation of Walter Dalton as chairperson of the Cultural Council because of health issues. The board thanked Mr. Dalton for his service and wished him well.

- Conservation Agent Merilee Kelley was appointed to the Alternative Energy Committee, and will serve as SRPEDD alternate at her request, once Mr. Wojnar's term as the current alternate ends.
- The board voted to ratify the fire department contract, and board members implored residents to attend the upcoming 2/11 Special Town Meeting.

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receipts.

Mr. Roderiques took a long pause, fists clenched in front of his face and foot tapping wildly beneath the table. He said the Town has a "trust impediment" and that no one trusts anyone. He said the biggest problem is that figures keep changing — consistently.

"The three people at the top...where the sewage flows at the top of that hill...are responsible for a lot of the Town's problems," said Mr. Roderiques.

He continued to say that two things he believed in were that no one is irreplaceable, and that it is fun to find out what others think of you when you are not around.

Another heated exchange between Mr. Osuch and Mr. Roderiques resulted over Mr. Osuch's concern that it was important to maintain the Town's bond rating.

"It's not your job to hide money from Town Meeting," responded Mr. Roderiques, adding that Mr. Osuch's responsibility was simply to present a

coherent budget.

Meanwhile, other committee members slowly began slipping on their coats and sat silently.

The meeting was finally adjourned after Mr. Roderiques had the final say.

"This town has some serious borrowing to do over the next year or two," adding that if the Town wants to change the policy, then afterwards it should stick to it.

"You don't play the yo-yo game," he said.

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Bella Vista owners not paying as agreed

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Clamor over Bella Vista Island continued at the 1/28 Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting, this time over an unpaid \$500 to maintain the required \$2,000 balance of a mandatory wetlands escrow account, a condition of the on-going wetlands restoration project taking place on the property.

A certified letter delivered to property owner Heiam Alsawalhi requesting the timely payment went unanswered, leaving ConCom members shaking their heads over what will happen next.

"We're not bill collectors," said Commission Member Steve Pereira. "The Town must have a procedure... This is ridiculous."

Chairperson Joe Taylor said he wished former Chairperson Andrew Jones were present at the meeting to advise him on options for enforcing the delinquent payment, saying that he had no clue about procedures for collecting.

Questions arose such as, should work be suspended? Should we send another letter? Should we issue a cease and desist order?

"We wouldn't want to hold (the project) up for this," said Mr. Pereira. "Let the Town handle the procedure."

A 1/25 on-site inspection of Bella Vista Island was rescheduled for 2/10 at 10:00a.m. because the property owner's engineer was out of town. Snow was also on the ground which would have hindered the inspection of the native species of flora that were planted as part of the restoration.

In another matter, Luis Pacheco of 207R Scoticut Neck Road received permission to remove two utility poles and two stone walls from his property, after the commission voted to approve a modification to the existing Order of Conditions.

The commission concluded that the changes in the plan, such as the slope of the one stone wall that will replace the two being removed, were not significant enough to require a new Notice of Intent.

Engineer Rich Rheume told the commission that he had addressed all concerns that Wetlands Scientist John Rockwell expressed in an email to the commission. New plans were not relevant to this specific amended Order of Conditions, since Mr. Pacheco will have to return with the construction plans as a whole separate matter.

A discussion over newly developed materials for sediment control ensued, resulting in an agreement

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[Steve Pereira]

between Mr. Rheume and ConCom that burlap "filter socks" will replace the use of silt fencing on the work site.

Filter socks are long burlap tubes filled with compost that run alongside work sites situated by wetlands, replacing the traditional hay bales and silt fencing that is often minimally effective.

Sediment particles bond to the compost contained within the filter socks, leaving only clear run-out water that is free of silt and soil. The burlap eventually biodegrades and vegetation grows right out of the

disintegrating material.

ConCom member Cora Peirce advocated strongly for the new method she said she first saw driving on Route 195. She said they are far better than hay bales that can sit for up to four years, or black plastic silt fencing "blocking every Styrofoam cup that blows that way," she said.

The board continued the public hearing for Jerry Bettencourt, owner of Jerry's Auto Service on Middle Street, until 2/11 because Mr. Bettencourt forgot to bring his green mail receipt cards with him to hand to the commission. Mr. Bettencourt is seeking to construct a 50-foot by 30-foot storage structure on the property.

The commission approved the percolation test for a new septic system for Ruth Geoffroy and Rita McCawley of 4 Wilbur's Point Drive, and continued the public hearing for Gregory and Margaret Kulpinski of Goulart Memorial Drive in order to verify the wetland line before issuing approval for a perc test. The on-site was scheduled for 2/10.

The commission tabled a request to sign-off on a Certificate of Compliance for 20 Beach Road, despite Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin's recommendation after having inspected the site on 1/25.

The commission did not have any background information on the original Enforcement Order issued in 8/05 and was reluctant to approve without further information.

Mr. Taylor leaned toward trusting Ms. Fostin's recommendation, as did Commission Member Jean Van Orman, but Ms. Peirce and Mr. Pereira disagreed. Ms. Van Orman's motion to approve was not seconded.

"Right now we're blind on this," said Mr. Pereira, before the unanimous vote to table the matter until more information could be provided.

HAPP OL: cont'd from page 8
Weaver, the Director of the Shining Tides Preschool; and Krystle Marques, the Director of Little People's College. Many others are lending their voices to their favorite books. Would you like to sign up and join in the fun? Call the children's dept, 508-758-4171.

The Junior Friends of the Library are showing a film "Brave" at 10 am with refreshments for all. They will also be offering face painting for

children from 10 am to 12 noon. Stop by and let them paint something special for you to show off all day.

Sadie, the Reading Paws dog, will be in the children's room from 11 to 11:30 am. Children are welcome to take turns reading to Sadie and seeing how well she listens! She is especially trained to enjoy hearing books read by children.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, "Criss-Cross, the Juggler" will

perform from 1 to 1:45 pm.

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There's lots to celebrate at the library, especially on this special day for children. Parents: remember that all children 5 and older can have their own library cards. Wouldn't this be a great day to start them on their way?

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street. Accessible.

With Lucas retiring, principals won't have to pound pavement

Statement from the Superintendent of Schools, January 23, 2013

The opening of the new model Wool School in the fall of 2013 will result in the elimination of one building principal position. The retirement of the East Fairhaven School Principal Gerry Lucas will leave the district with a total of four building principals. Mrs. Lucas has served in her current role since 2001. She was instrumental in leading a smooth transition that saw the combining of the Oxford School and East Fairhaven School communities in 2007. Most recently, the East Fairhaven School was among the 15 schools in the Commonwealth that were distinguished as Commendation Schools.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, Mrs. Wendy Williams will assume the duties of Principal of the East Fairhaven School. While she has

served in the district as an Elementary Principal since 2004, this will be an opportunity for Mrs. Williams to come back home and lead where she began her teaching career in Fairhaven as a fifth grade classroom teacher in 1997.

Mrs. Amy Hartley-Matteson will continue as the Wood School Principal in the fall of 2013. Her exceptional community building skills provide a perfect fit to the needs of combining the Rogers and Wood School communities. Mrs. Hartley-Matteson began in her role as the Wood School Principal in 2008.

A McKinsey and Company Report (2010), articulates how improving school systems throughout the world have strong commonalities in the nature of their journeys. The influence of leadership appears to be by far the most important factor in

school improvement. It goes on to state that leaders follow common practices, but most importantly have staying power. The continuity of a district's leadership team ensuring the priorities, drive, mindset, and resourcing of change must be sustained. Further, it is imperative that they actively foster the development of the next generation of district leadership ensuring a continuity of purpose and vision in sustaining the district's initiatives.

The Fairhaven Public Schools are so very fortunate to have had the guidance and direction of such a dedicated leader as Mrs. Lucas serve the district so well. As the district moves forward, it is privileged to have such a talented pair of elementary principals that will lead our two state-of-the-art elementary schools into the 21st Century. ●●●

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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Fairhaven Housing Authority has answer to Gov's proposal

From the Fairhaven Housing Authority

The FAIRHAVEN Housing Authority announced its support for a sweeping reform proposal that would result in greater cost efficiency and improved services for public housing residents while preserving the longstanding tradition of local decision-making.

The reform legislation, introduced by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MassNAHRO), would streamline the delivery of housing services to low-income families and senior citizens through a targeted regional approach based on shared collaborative functions among local housing authorities. Management operations would be consolidated for at least 50 authorities.

At the same time, the proposal would retain governance of the housing authorities by local communities and their boards of commissioners. The Fairhaven Housing Authority believes this would be far preferable to legislation filed by Governor Patrick that would eliminate local control over public housing and shift the responsibility to six regional authorities governed by the state.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority is concerned that the Governor's proposal would negatively affect its residents by reducing the ability to locally respond to their needs. It could also have a negative community economic impact resulting from the loss of local jobs, while incurring high costs for the start-up and ongoing operation of the new structure.

"The needs of our residents would be much better served by keeping these responsibilities in the hands of local people instead of turning them over to a regional bureaucracy," said Jay Simmons, Chairman of the Fairhaven Housing Authority. "Every community has unique needs, and local housing authorities are best governed by locally appointed or elected board members who know the needs of their community. I feel that there is no net benefit for the Town of Fairhaven if we go regional. We will pay dearly as a Town if the Governor's proposal is successful."

At the same time, the Fairhaven Housing Authority recognizes the need for reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local

housing authority management and operations while also maintaining local control. The legislation filed by MassNAHRO and supported by the Fairhaven Housing Authority would accomplish this goal in the following areas:

- Larger housing authorities would serve as collaborative management and service agencies (CMSAs) for smaller housing authorities in their respective regions. The larger authorities would provide technical assistance and services in facilitating the turnover of vacant

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units, purchasing of goods and services, and capital improvements. The state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) would be directed to work with local housing authorities, municipal officials and public housing industry professionals to establish incentives for at least 50 authorities to transfer their full management operations to CMSAs.

- All housing authorities with state public housing units would be required to participate in a standardized and centralized application process, enabling applicants for public housing to fill out application forms just once. A

centralized waiting list would be administered by MassNAHRO, which already performs this service for 90 housing authorities receiving federal Section 8 funds.

- Incentives would be provided for two or more local housing authorities to administer their programs together as a consortium. While the separate boards would remain, these authorities would be able to reduce administrative burdens by functioning as a single entity for reporting, funding and oversight.
- All housing authorities would be required to conduct independent financial and compliance audits, while also requiring DHCD to have the capability to receive financial information through a central automated financial data system.
- A performance-based monitoring system would be created to allow for the early identification of troubled housing authorities and to trigger corrective actions at these agencies. Also, an accreditation system would require evaluations of local housing authority performance by independent housing professionals based on local conditions.

"The reforms proposed by MassNAHRO would increase public trust in our authorities by improving the quality and cost effectiveness of services to our residents while requiring full transparency and accountability in our operations," said Jay Simmons. "Most importantly, our local housing authorities would continue to be owned and operated locally, supported by the community, and responsive to the needs of the local residents for whom we were established to serve."

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Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



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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

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 11, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant N&T Realty Trust Fatima Cardoso Tr. Location Alden Road Plot 23 Lot 175H purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

*Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

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

Cable Advisory Comm

Wed., 2/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 2/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

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

Planning Board

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

School Committee

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

Selectboard

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

Planning Board in attendance, 7 p.m.

Mon., 2/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Bob Espindola Office Hour

Wed., 2/6, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Community Preserv. Comm.

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

Conservation Comm.

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

Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/7, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Police Sta. Bldg. Comm

Tues., 2/26, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

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