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Calm between the storms?



Robert Sakwa rows back after checking his fishing boat moored at Hoppy's Landing on a brilliant Tuesday, 2/19, making sure bilge pumps were working and all was okay. After the big blizzard on the weekend of 2/8, the region experienced a smaller snowstorm (about four inches for Fairhaven), and heavy rain on Tuesday evening. The forecast shows the possibility of more rain and snow for the coming weekend. Meanwhile, Tuesday's daytime temperatures were unusually warm, and the skies were clear, allowing for significant melting of the 13.5 inches dumped on the region by the Blizzard of 2013. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see storm and other photos.*



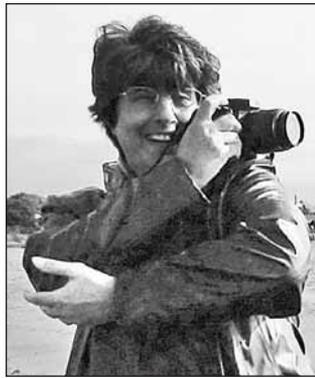
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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Yippee....almost done and it's still light out. Last week was a nightmare, after the storm and all, and we have two mistakes/corrections to prove it.

Alas, our streak is broken. What can I say.

Lots of good stuff in this issue, and lots of good stuff coming up. The elections are heating up (see page 3) in both Fairhaven and Acushnet. Yes...Acushnet has a race.

The special town meeting in Acushnet that was to decide the fate of the new library/community center got postponed because of the blizzard. It will be held this Monday, so you still have a chance to have your voice heard. See page 16 for a letter from Nancy Francis, the director of the Community Center.

As I said in my editorial two weeks ago, the community center is a gem in Acushnet. I hope town meeting members vote to keep it in operation.

I covered the Fairhaven Housing Authority meeting this week (see page 12). We don't usually go to that one, but after the storm, we had reason to want to tell you all what's going on over there. Besides the close call with nearly having to transport hundreds of people to a bare-bones shelter in the middle of a blizzard, the FHA is also dealing with the governor's proposal to eliminate all local housing authorities. We'll be doing a follow-up on that soon. Meanwhile, there's a legislation day coming up on March 4 (see article). Anyone who is benefiting from a locally run housing authority or thinks they may benefit from one in the future, should look into the governor's proposal (we printed his press release in our 1/17/13 issue, and the housing authority's answer in our 1/31/13 issue).

The idea is looking more and more like a colossal mistake. Really, I just don't see how combining our little, financially solvent housing authority into one of six regional authorities of more than 13,000 units will benefit us in any way.

I wonder what my old friend Jack Custodio would think about that?

Something I would not be able to print, I'm sure.

We have other meeting coverage in here, of course. See page 4 for Selectboard; page 18 for Finance Committee.

Also, be sure to read the story on page 13 about a fifth-grader with Cystic Fibrosis. I love this job, I get to meet great people like Charton Lowney and his two sisters, as well as get a chance to talk to kids who really pay attention and care about their fellow schoolmates.

Random thought for the week:

You couldn't pay me to go on a cruise ship — not no-way, not no-how.

Until next week then...

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on the appeals board meeting, we mistakenly identified the person whose seat is vacant. It is Joseph Morra, not Borelli.

In our selectboard story last week, we misprinted last year's school department budget, it should have read, \$17.65 million (but you knew that, right?).

We apologize for any confusion our mistakes may have caused.

Acushnet has one contested race; Fairhaven has four

By Beth David
Editor

The election fields for Fairhaven and Acushnet are most likely set, although candidates do have until February 27 to withdraw papers for the April 1 election.

Acushnet has one contested race for Selectboard, with former Selectboard member Michael Cioper running against incumbent David Wojnar. Mr. Cioper resigned his seat in November of 2009, citing personal reasons. The seat remained open until April of 2010, when Kevin Gaspar ran successfully for it.

Other races in Acushnet are not contested, but all seats have candidates. Since our last update Library Trustee Robert Bartolome took out and returned nomination papers for his seat. School Committee incumbent Douglas Coray returned papers for his seat, although the signatures had not been certified by press time.

An unexpired term for Commissioner of Trusts in Acushnet will see write-in candidate Sierra Aguiar-Lima trying for the seat, according to Town

Clerk Pamela Labonte.

In Fairhaven, the Selectboard race should get good and fiesty with two veterans who have both faced tough races in the past vying for one seat. Incumbent Brian Bowcock will face Geoffrey Haworth, who currently sits on the Board of Public Works. The two boards have sparred over jurisdictional issues in the past, showing some promise that some sparks will fly on candidates' nights.

Fairhaven's Board of Health race should also prove interesting with Windwise promising to back anyone except sitting chairperson Peter DeTerra, who is running for re-election. The outspoken Curt Devlin did not return papers for the BOH after John Wethington decided to run, making it clear that Windwise will back the newcomer.

Three people will vie for two School Committee seats, incumbents Bernard Roderick and Stasia Powers, and newcomer Diane Hahn, an outspoken parent whose name is not new to newsprint.

Planning Board also has a contested seat, with John Farrell and Cathy

Melanson vying for an unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Joe Morra. Mr. Farrell was appointed to fill the vacant seat, to the disappointment of Ms. Melanson, who also asked for the appointment. Now the voters will get a chance to weight in.

The Planning Board's two regular

ELECT: cont'd on page 21

Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 1 elections.

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Fairhaven facing water restrictions, along with rest of state

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Town officials got advance warning of community water bans that will affect all towns in the Commonwealth in 2015 when water withdrawal permits for municipalities are set to expire and a new state water management act is expected to take effect.

Consultant Pat O'Neale, from the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection Committee, met with the selectboard at the February 19th meeting to discuss how these upcoming changes will affect Fairhaven. Most towns in the state registered in the 1990's for the amount of water they could use, with daily pumping capacity limits as well as annual yearly caps. The 20-year permits expired in 2011, but the state granted extensions twice, to 2015.

The Department of Environmental Protection does projections with 20-year estimates of each municipality's base water use and compares them against actual water use when determining what annual and daily limits will be, he explained. The DEP and DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) are seeking to limit water withdrawals, so Fairhaven's allotment, as well as those of most municipalities, will likely decrease.

Future permits in the region will consider stream flow triggers at the Mattapoissett River, he continued, explaining that if flow goes under a specified volume, it will automatically trigger state-imposed water conservation measures in the surrounding towns. These measures could include staggered watering schedules or even outright watering bans for local residents. The state is currently considering a model in which residents will be limited to watering lawns once a week, said Mr. O'Neale.

Towns that exceed their allotted water usage levels will be required to do offset mitigation, that could include outdoor water use restrictions, wastewater and storm water recharge and management, and possibly development and use of alternative sources, he said.

Although there is some disagreement on the numbers the state is using for its calculations — local

conservation groups have challenged the state's estimates and have been working on developing independent water monitoring networks to collect data — all experts acknowledge that water limits will be coming.

"There is no doubt the district will have to be more conscious of water conservation," said Mr. O'Neale.

Town Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch agreed, adding that "people will have to change their custom of using water any time, any place."

The board had a brief discussion on the creation of a new Capital Planning Advisory Committee and whether members of the committee should be appointed by the selectboard or by the town moderator. Selectboard member Bob Espindola opposed the option of having the town moderator appointing members

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of the new committee, saying that he wanted to make sure representation for all areas of town was fair.

"I don't like the idea of a whole committee being appointed by one person," he said, putting forth the suggestion that town meeting could decide, based on recommendations made by the selectboard and the finance committee.

Mr. Espindola and fellow selectboard member Charles Murphy suggested that the decision on how to appoint committee members be postponed until after the public hearings on the Department of Revenue's recommendations, as community suggestions may provide guidance on how to proceed.

Selectboard chair Brian Bowcock agreed, adding that he would also like to see changes in current town bylaws that bar Finance Committee

members from serving on any other town boards or committees.

"I feel this precludes people with intimate knowledge of town finances from serving on other committees where their expertise could be useful," he said.

There were a few minutes of tense disagreement when Mr. Murphy objected to approving fiscal saving recommendations for the policies and procedures manual that Mr. Osuch drafted and presented to the board.

"We really need to improve communication between all organizations in town, and that includes, you, Jeff," he said to Mr. Osuch, adding that he felt that the finance committee should have been consulted in the development of the manual.

"I know where these statements are coming from, they're coming from Mr. Roderiques," Mr. Osuch replied, before Mr. Murphy cut him off, saying, "My comments are coming from me, let's make that clear."

Mr. Osuch pointed out that he did not work for the finance committee; he worked for the selectboard, and that while he agreed that other committees needed to contribute to the final document, the draft had to begin with the selectboard.

"I'm not looking for your approval, I'm looking for your input," he said.

Mr. Espindola said that he felt it was a little too early in the process to decide on hard and fast numbers, and that the policy manual should remain a draft until after this year's budget process is completed.

"It's one thing to say that we need to put down numbers, and it's another thing to be realistic about it," he said.

He suggested that for now the draft include a range of numbers, between 3% and 5%, as recommended by the Department of Revenue, and that the discussion move on to the budget.

The board interrupted the open meeting to go into executive session to discuss a police personnel issue, a proposal for an employee benefits contract, and contract negotiations for police, dispatcher, and clerical union members. The board reconvened in open session afterwards to

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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On **February 22, 2013 at 1 PM**, a small ceremony will take place at Town Hall to celebrate the Town's 201st Birthday. Members of the Bicentennial Committee will place the final contents of the Time Capsule into the cabinet. The Capsule will sit on top of the Cabinet and will remain in the lobby of Town Hall and will not be opened until 2062. Refreshments will be served.

West Island 5K Mtg

The West Island 5K organizing committee will hold a meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Fairhaven Police Station**. Email westisland5k@yahoo.com for details.

Buddhist Peacewalkers

Buddhist Peace Walkers at Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, **Mon., Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.**, Vegetarian Potluck Dinner in the Parish House. Accessible.

For the third year, Buddhist monks, nuns, and laypeople from the Peace Pagoda in Leverett, Mass., will visit our area. They began their walk on February 15. They are walking to Washington DC on a 50-day walk to call attention to Community Sustainability and Disarmament. They will visit 10 states and 43 communities.

After a vegetarian potluck dinner, we will gather in a circle to speak about our desire for peace and sustainability. They say, "Step-by-step, the walk is a prayer as, together, we face and search answers to severe challenges of today..." They also have a special guest, Charmaine White Face. A member of Oglala Sioux Tribe, Charmaine White Face is the founder of Defenders of the Black Hills."

Please bring a dish to share and join us. If you wish to join the walk for a distance on Tuesday, they will be leaving from the church at 9 am on Tuesday, February 26, walking while banging the peace drum, and chanting prayers of peace.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 2/27 in the Oxford Terrace Commu-**

nity 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.

Homecoming Apps

Applications for the 2013 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair are now available. The Fair date is Saturday, June 29th from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

The applications are available on our website: www.fairhavenhomecoming.wordpress.com and have been emailed or mailed to recent participants. Copies are also available at the Fairhaven Town Hall, Millicent Library and Fairhaven Tourism Office.

For more information visit the website above or email: angeladawicki@gmail.com

Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available in the Guidance Offices of Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Voc/Tech High School, Bishop Stang High School, and Bristol County Agricultural High School.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing applications is April 20, 2013.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dems to Caucus

On **Saturday, Feb. 23**, members of the Democratic Party who are registered in Fairhaven will caucus to elect delegates and alternates to attend the party's state convention in June. The caucus will commence at 1

p.m. in the auditorium of the Millicent Library at 45 Center St. in Fairhaven.

Individuals wishing to run as a delegate or vote at the Fairhaven caucus must be registered Democrats in town as of December 31, 2012. The official purpose of the caucus is to pick delegates to the 2013 Massachusetts Democratic Party Platform Convention to be held at the Tsongas Center in Lowell on Saturday, June 1.

For Fairhaven Democratic caucus information, please contact Rich Taber, Chair at 508-542-6748.

Colonial Tea

Friends of Fairhaven are cordially invited to celebrate at The Colonial Club's Open House and Historical Tea on **Sunday, February 24**, at the Colonial Club, Six Cherry Street, Fairhaven 1-4 p.m. Refreshments by Ladies of the Colonial Club. Free, open to the public. Unfortunately, the historic building is not wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact Doreen Nelsen, 508 994-1098.

Hospice Training

Learn the tools to provide compassionate care for a family facing a terminal illness. A training session for people interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer with Community Nurse & Hospice Care will be held in our office at **62 Center St., Fairhaven on Saturday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 9th**. All are welcome to attend. There is a special need for Portuguese speaking volunteers and those willing to visit in the Fall River area.

For more information and registration, please contact Cecile Sanders, Community Nurse & Hospice Care's Volunteer Manager, by phone at (508) 717-0754 or by email at csanders@communitynurse.com.

Art Exhibit

Save the date

Fairhaven's grand historic past is the theme of a new exhibition at Art on Center, 15 Center St., Fairhaven, opening reception on Sunday, 3/3 at 2 p.m. Call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org

Caregiver Seminars

See ad on page 3.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Baseball Sign-ups

The Whaling City Youth Baseball League will be holding sign-ups for all new and returning tee ball and instructional league players on **Saturday February 23, and Saturday March 2, 2013 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at 140 Brooklawn St., 2nd floor, New Bedford.** The tee ball fee is \$70, and instructional league is \$90, which can be recouped through the sale of raffle tickets.

Children from New Bedford, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Freetown, Westport, Rochester, Mattapoissett, and Fairhaven are eligible to sign up for the league. Please provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and the fee at the time of sing-ups. Any questions feel free to contact Jared Dallaire, 508-985-3951.

United Way Grants

United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program is offering support to all-volunteer groups who want to create positive change in their community by bringing their ideas and creative solutions to life.

All applicants, including past Mini-Grantees, are required to attend one of the free orientation sessions.

- **New Bedford:** Thursday, February 21st @ 6pm at the Salvation Army – 619 Purchase Street
- **Tuesday February 26th @ 10am** at the Salvation Army.
- **Fairhaven:** Thursday, February 28th @ 6pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/ Recreation Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue, (Rte. 6).
- **Wareham:** Tuesday, March 5th @6pm at the Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Rd, (Rte. 6).

To register or to find out whether your group is eligible, contact Claudia Kirk at 508-994-9625, ext. 13 or at ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org.

Textiles Exhibit

"Weaving Stories, Weaving Lives: Maya Textiles from Guatemala and New Bedford" will be on exhibit through April 7 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, in partnership with the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University. Accessible.

Maya weaving tells stories. It is rooted in tradition, and alive today. The exhibit features historic garments from Guatemala, and garments being made today in New Bedford by Maya weavers using their traditional back-strap loom. **Now through April admission to the Whaling Museum is free to those who live in New Bedford, made possible by a grant from BayCoast Bank. On Saturday March 2nd at 2:00 p.m. see local Maya weavers** use the back-strap loom to create beautiful textiles of personal expression. **During school vacation week (February 19-22),** bring your family to enjoy Maya textile related crafts and other activities offered at no cost from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

54th At Whale Park

Members of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, a reenactment corps, will be making a special visit to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park on **Thurs., February 21, from 12:00 noon-3:30 PM**, as a part of the park's Call to Arms, a day to explore the Civil War. They will share the story of this all-black Civil War regiment and its New Bedford connection, and hold a weapons "drill and dress-up" for students or other interested participants. The Call to Arms event will run from **10:00 AM-4:00 PM** and is free and open to people of all ages. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is located at 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. Call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe

Auditions

Auditions for six female and two male characters, all between the ages of 50 and 60, will be held **Tues. and Thurs., Feb. 26 and 28, at 7:30 p.m.**

Director Trudi Anne Miller will conduct tryouts for "The Hallelujah Girls" in the Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St. Accessible

Written by Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, the play's characters are Sugar Lee Thompkins, the vivacious, smart Southern woman

owner of the Spa-Dee-Dah health resort; Carlene Travis, a no-nonsense gal with dry wit who's given up on romance after three husbands; and Nita Mooney, a sweet, simple country woman who lives vicariously through romance novels.

Also, Mavis Flowers, a wise-cracking matron who enjoys partying more than being with her indifferent husband; Crystal Hart, a daffy, loveable lady who sings her own lyrics to popular Christmas songs; and Bunny Sutherland, an upbeat seemingly pleasant person who is amusingly judgmental and passive aggressive

Other characters include Bobby Dwayne Dillahunt, a rugged, good looking man with a self depreciating sense of humor and charming manner, and Porter Padgett, a good hearted, gregarious blowhard who doesn't know when to shut up and tends to talk louder than most people.

"The Hallelujah Girls" will run Thursday through Saturday May 9-11 and 16-18, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees May 12 and 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored in part by Bank Five, it will be the final production in Your Theatre Inc.'s 66th season of providing award-winning community theatre to Southeastern Massachusetts and surrounding communities.

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

Sailor Series

R. Michael Wall is the first of several distinguished speakers featured in the 23rd Annual Sailors' Series lectures. His illustrated talk, "The Art of Ship Models: Collections of the Past, Present and Future," takes place on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. Accessible. Call 508-997-0046, or visit For events: www.whalingmuseum.org.

An international authority on ship models, Mr. Wall will explore the Whaling Museum's extraordinary collection of models with a view toward understanding these works as a true decorative art form.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Local Cross Country

Looking for a fun activity to do in the snow? Join DNRT and guest leader Kait Carvalho for a cross country ski at Destruction Brook Woods on **Saturday, February 23, from 9:00am to 11:00am.** We'll be keeping our fingers crossed that there is enough snow—if not, we'll be hiking instead.

Don't have your own equipment? Rentals are available at Somerset Ski House in Somerset. Let them know you are with the DNRT ski event and they will offer you a 1-day rental that you can pick up on Friday night and return on Saturday afternoon for \$15.

The ski will begin at the Destruction Brook Woods parking lot on Slade's Corner Road, 1 mile west of Russell's Mills Village in Dartmouth. Dress in layers, you may need to shed some when you get moving, and please bring your own water.

If you have questions call DNRT at 508-991-2289 or email info@dnrt.org (or call 508-525-9266 on the morning of the event).

Free Film

On **Tuesday, February 26 at noon**, the Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly hosts a free showing of "Robot & Frank" (PG-13) at the Council on Aging. Pizza is available for \$2.00. **Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 PM on Mon., Feb. 25.**

Set in the near future, Frank, a retired cat burglar, has two grown kids who are concerned he can no longer live alone. They are tempted to place him in a nursing home until Frank's son chooses a different option. Against the old man's wishes, he buys Frank a walking, talking humanoid robot programmed to improve his physical and mental health.

RVSP the Mattapoissett Council on Aging at the Center School on Barstow Street or call 508-758-4110, even if you're not having pizza, so we know how many seats to set up.

"Rent" Performed

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), the not-for-profit which brought new life to the historic Theatre By The Sea for the past five years, continues their Inaugural Season with Jonathan Larson's

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The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. **Tickets are \$39 for preview performances and \$39-\$54 for all other performances.** Tickets are on sale at the box office Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon – 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

Acush. Scholarships

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship application forms are now available for students and their families to download online.

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet or individuals who have attended Acushnet Public Schools for any number of years enrolling in a full-time college program in 2013-14 are eligible for these awards.

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and more information about the ATA Scholarship Program. Hard copies of applications are available in the Ford Middle School main office at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. **Applications and required paperwork are due on May 1, 2013.** For questions, please contact Kristine Daniels, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us or 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

NFIA Awards Banquet

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be holding its annual Outstanding Public Servant Awards Banquet. This year NFIA will be honoring former Selectman and current NFIA President, Mike Silvia. Special recognition will also be given to Police Sargent Stephen Foster, Firefighter/Paramedic Brendon Hayden and School Nurse Denise Valois. The event will take place on **Saturday March 2nd, 2013 at the**

Century House in Acushnet. Social hour at 6:00 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm. The dinner will feature soup, salad, dessert and family style serving of two entrees, baked chicken and roast pork. Cost is \$26.00 per person. For tickets contact Mike at 508-990-3622 or send checks payable to NFIA to P.O. Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Comedy Night F-R

Due to the blizzard conditions on February 8, the Showstoppers community-service singing troupe has rescheduled their **Adult Comedy Night fundraiser for Friday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.** at Salerno's Seaside Function Hall located at 196 Onset Avenue in Onset Village

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Jamie Wiksten at 508-295-0379 or Erin Moreau at 508-758-7945.

Art Contest

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous conservation organizations will observe Endangered Species Day to recognize conservation efforts underway across the nation aimed at helping America's imperiled species. This year also commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act.

The Youth Art Contest provides students from kindergarten to high school with an opportunity to learn about threatened and endangered species and express their knowledge and support through artwork. Young artists who are home schooled and participate in youth groups are also eligible to submit their art. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, .

For more information, including judging criteria and an entry form, visit www.endangered-species-day.org

Play Rescheduled

Buzzards Play Productions' Children's Theatre postpone "Shoo Fly Pudding" because of the weather.

The play will now be performed **Sat. & Sun., 3/2 & 3, at 2pm.** Tickets are \$5.00 for both children and adults. Buzzards Play Productions is located at 3065 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham, MA (directly across from Benny's). Accessible.

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Recipe of the Week

Seafood Balls

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- 1 6-oz. can salmon
- 1 7-oz. can corn
- 1 cup cooked white rice
- 1 tbsp cajun spice mix
- 1/2 cup prepared tarter sauce
- 1 tbsp grainy mustard
- 2 tbsp dried parsely flakes
- 2 eggs beaten in separate bowls
- 1/4 cup dried bread crumbs
- Salt & pepper to taste

Finely chop shrimp and place in a large bowl; then add crabmeat, salmon, corn, rice, cajun spece mix, tarter sauce, mustard, parsely flakes and one beaten egg; mix until well blended.

Roll mixture into 1 1/2 inch balls, dip into beaten egg, then dredge in the bread crumbs. Deep fry in a large skillet with oil (350°) until golden brown.

Drain on paper towel.

Submitted by Judy Rose

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

Flotilla 65 installs new officers

Press Release

At a "Change of Watch" Ceremony held on 19 January 2013 at the Century House in Acushnet, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 of Fairhaven inducted new officers for the coming year.

Mary Baumgartner, representing David McClure, Ed.D, Immediate Past Division Commander, administered the oath of office to Peter B. Wahl and Marsby E. Warters, both of Fairhaven, as Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander of one of the oldest and largest operational Auxiliary units in the United States.

Also sworn in that evening by Peter B. Wahl, Flotilla Commander, were newly appointed Flotilla Staff Officers, Robert Kocor. Marine Safety; Joseph Correia, Jr., Public Education; Edward Herman, Program Visitor; Dan Pope, Vessel Examination; Jeffrey Santos, Communications; William

Farnum, Communication Services; Laurel Carlson, Information Systems; Paul Wesoly, Materials; Keith Stalter, Member Training; Linda Meredith, Public Affairs; Dave Mitchell, Publications; Kathy Frey, Human Resources; John Graves, Finance, Nancy Jacobsen, Secretary; and Louise Medeiros, Diversity.

Lee Baumgartner served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Members, family, and friends were in attendance. Flotilla 65 continues to be an important asset to the U.S. Coast Guard having contributed 21,416 volunteer hours in 2012.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, created by an act of Congress in 1939, is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard across almost all mission areas. Visit the Flotilla 65 web site at <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/>

Community Garden looking to expand

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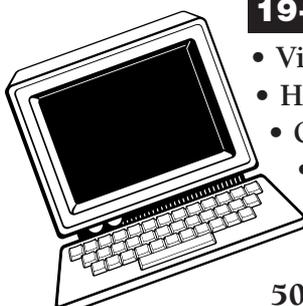
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Housing Authority discusses ways to fare better in storms

By Beth David
Editor

After feeling disconnected from other town agencies during the Blizzard, the Fairhaven Housing Authority met with Emergency Management Agency personnel on Thursday, 2/14, to discuss ways to keep the elderly population more in the forefront of people's minds during major weather events. The housing authority units had a mix of electrical and heating outages that left residents in the cold and in the dark, or some combination thereof. Phone service was not returned for days after the storm.

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, 2/14, the FHA discussed the storm response with several residents and EMA director Mark Jodoin.

The problem was that residents had no way to get to the shelter at Hastings Middle School. The EMA was transporting individuals, but no one had any way to transport more than 100 people in the height of the storm.

"We don't have the means to have hundreds of people at a school, so the best thing you can do is to get people set up here," said Mr. Jodoin.

And, although the public works department had plowed the parking lots, the residents were not physically able to get their cars dug out to drive to the shelter anyway. And then, of course, there was the state-wide driving ban.

Resident Theresa Reynolds asked the board why an "elderly complex" does not have a generator. She said it was "tough" to keep warm for three days.

FHA chairperson Jay Simmons told residents that the board had looked into buying a generator several years ago, but the state would not allow it.

"We were told we could not spend our money on generators," said Mr. Simmons.

He said the authority was able to use small amounts of money on smaller generators to perhaps keep people's medications cold in a hurricane. It was those generators that were hooked up in community rooms to provide some relief for residents, but not much.

Executive Director Krisanne Sheedy said that a new formula funding program for modernization, may provide an avenue to get a large scale generator for the apartments.

That, however, would take time. Meanwhile, she and the board are looking for a way to make sure residents are considered a priority during similar events.

Board members said they felt that they were pretty much left to their own devices.

In a follow-up interview, Ms. Sheedy said she had since received a letter from the selectboard about the situation. She said she will ask to be placed on the agenda of a meeting as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, people may still have to get transported to the shelter if another storm hits.

The board will look into having access to the Council On Aging van or other means to transport more than one or two people at a time.

Resident James Dutra said at the meeting that he wanted to have assigned parking space. He said he

Mr. Simmons assured residents that he realized the situation during the blizzard "was more than an inconvenience."

had shoveled out his spot, went to the store, and someone had taken his spot by the time he returned.

"If I put a barrel there, I'd probably get arrested," said Mr. Dutra.

Residents also expressed dismay at how the outages were spread out. Some units had power and no heat, some units had neither. Ms. Sheedy said only the electrician could explain it, but that it was not because anything was wrong with the wiring; it is just the way that power is delivered to the building.

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Mary Staffon was the only resident present who didn't register a complaint with the board.

"It helps to have grown up on the farm," she said.

In another matter the board talked at length about allowing some

additional landscaping by residents.

Rod Lopez said he wanted a flower garden. Ms. Sheedy said the problem was finding someone to take it on and take care of it.

The board said the new janitor's job description included landscaping, but only if time allows. Mr. Simmons echoed a common refrain when he said all the maintenance workers work hard and wear many hats.

The board also discussed a situation at McGann Terrace, where tenants are hearing odd noises. The board will try a series of measures to curtail the noise and continue to monitor and enhance security cameras.

In another matter Ms. Sheedy told the board that the FHA did have the authority to prohibit the smoking of medical marijuana once the units go smoke-free on 1/1/14. The board voted to make the move to smoke-free apartments after a tenant survey came back 70% to 30% in favor. Details of the measure, such as where smoking may or may not be allowed outside, have not been set yet.

Tenants have been notified, so they have a year to move if they choose to. The board will also offer smoking cessation programs to residents.

In other business:

- The board voted to sign Ms. Sheedy to a five-year contract and add one more week of vacation, giving her five weeks annually.
- Encouraged residents and the public to attend the annual legislation day on March 4 by the Mass. chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials to oppose the governor's plan to eliminate all local housing authorities and create six regional authorities. MassNAHRO has proposed alternate legislation that the board supports.
- Continued discussion on a weapons policy, prompted by the massacre in Newtown, CT. Ms. Sheedy will investigate policies that other HAs have. Mr. Simmons said he was opposed to having a list of firearms owners among residents. Ms. Sheedy countered that it would not be a list, but would note in the person's file that he or she is licensed to own firearms and the file would include a copy of the license. The policy has not yet been set. ●●●

East Fairhaven students learn about schoolmate's cystic fibrosis

By Beth David

Editor

Twelve-year-old East Fairhaven School student Charton Lowney took on the role of teacher on Friday, 2/15, putting himself in front of the entire school to let students ask questions about the disease he was born with: cystic fibrosis. A dirt-bike rider, and touch football player, the slight, soft-spoken fifth-grader says he can run as fast as many of his classmates, just not for as long, so he plays baseball, not soccer. He wants to be a car mechanic when he grows up.

Cystic fibrosis affects the lungs and pancreas, making it difficult to breathe and to digest food.

Mr. Lowney's soft-spokenness comes mostly from his medications, usually 39 pills each day, he must take to help him digest his food. He needs nine pills before each of his three meals, and six pills before each snack.

Teaming up with school nurse Kim Horsfall, Mr. Lowney explained to his schoolmates that he needs an extra inhaler, and sometimes wears a vest that vibrates against his chest to loosen the mucus in his lungs. CF creates a thick mucus that gathers in his lungs and his pancreas, also making him susceptible to infections.

The duo stressed to students that CF is not contagious, but that sick classmates could make Mr. Lowney very sick, more than normal. That's why when a large number of students were sick this winter, Mr. Lowney stayed home. Mrs. Horsfall, however, assured students that he did not get out of doing his work, he was tutored.

"Because if he gets sick, he could get really sick, and would have to go to the hospital," Mrs. Horsfall said.

Fourth-grader Paris Lees took that sentiment to heart, "[I learned] that you can't get it, and people who have it can get really sick if you're sick, so you should always be nice to people."

"I learned that kids who have it have to take a lot of pills to stay healthy and before each meal, and if they don't take them then they get a stomach ache," said fourth-grader Kailee Rodrigues.

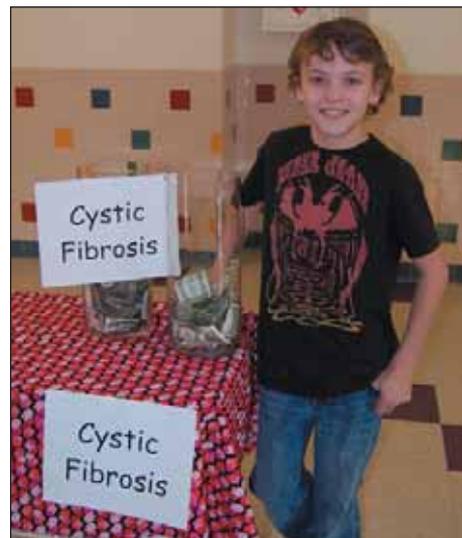
The Horsfall-Lowney team opened up the floor to students, who asked some questions that just could not be explained, like "How many people does it take to find a cure?"

Students also tried to get to the bottom of the origin of genetic disease, by asking how it all started, who got it first, and why didn't Charton's sisters get it?

The older students got very specific, wanting to know if Charton had trouble sleeping because of his CF (yes, especially because of his stomach aches); how he takes so many pills each day (he opens the capsules and pours the contents on his food); what do the pills do (give him a belly ache, make his voice soft).

Students also learned that Mr. Lowney's lungs are twice the size of a person his age because they work so hard. He also will most likely need a double lung transplant when he is older.

Certain things were emphasized by students and teachers: You can't catch it; if you look at someone who



has it, you can't tell; and someone who has it can get very sick from a simple cold.

"Not many people know about it so to teach about it, and how it affects me, I like it. It's better because now they all know. The little kids know," said Charton. "Now everyone knows. I don't have to explain anymore why I have to go to the [nurse's] office all the time."

Each month the school holds a dress-down day, when students are allowed to dress more casually. They donate one dollar for the privilege, and the money is donated to a different cause each month. According to teachers, organizers try to pick causes that directly affect students in the school, such as diabetes and autism. ●●●



TOP: Charton Lowney next to a jar of one-dollar bills donated by fellow East Fairhaven School students for cystic fibrosis on Friday, 2/15. Mr. Lowney was born with CF and explained what it means for him to the whole school in two assemblies that day. ABOVE: School nurse Kim Horsfall and Charton Lowney address students at East Fairhaven School, where Mr. Lowney is a fifth-grader, to educate students about cystic fibrosis, the genetic condition Mr. Lowney was born with. RIGHT: Mr. Lowney with his younger sisters, Brenna and Ayliln, who also attend EFS. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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Letter: Acushnet needs library and community center

On Monday, February 25th, the residents of Acushnet will have an opportunity to take a step toward improving the quality of life for ourselves, our children and generations yet to come. At the Special Town Meeting on February 25th, 7:00 p.m., we can vote to approve the local funding needed for the new Acushnet Public Library and Community Center.

Acushnet has been awarded State Grant Funding (\$3.2M) that covers over 50% of the cost of this project. Town voters will be asked to appropriate \$2.9M, or 46% of the project cost, to cover the local match needed for the renovation and expansion project involving the current Community Center building on Middle Road. This project can help ensure that Community Center activities continue, and that the Town of Acushnet has a Library that all residents can use. If voters do not approve a local match, the \$3.2M state grant will be given to another town, the project will not move forward, and the Community Center will close its doors.

The Acushnet Community Center opened on October 17, 1997, and has been operating for the last 15 years with no financial support from the town. A small group of very dedicated volunteers has not only been running the Center, but also raising the money needed every month to meet the operating expenses. Over the past 15 years, our expenses have increased by 36%, with heat alone increasing by 210%. It has become increasingly difficult to continue to raise the \$1,200.00 a month we currently need to meet these expenses.

Our lease on the building is up in June, and unless this Library/Community Center project is approved, we will have to close our doors.

Closing the Community Center means depriving our residents of the services and programs we currently provide that are not offered elsewhere in town. Our most popular

These programs may not seem like much, but to the children and adults who come here, they are a big part of their lives. Over 5,000 people a year come through our doors.

event is the monthly dance we hold for Acushnet students in grades 6, 7 and 8. These young people need a safe place to learn to socialize with their peers outside of school. Too much of what our teenagers learn comes from TV, and we all know how inappropriate that can be.

Our middle school kids are very concerned that these dances may not be available to them next year. Last Friday we had a dance, and as two sixth grade girls were leaving, they gave me \$2.50. It was the money they had left over from the dance, and had saved it to give to me to help keep the Center open.

This touched my heart.

These kids value what we do, and we hope the residents of Acushnet see how important this Community Center is to our young people.

In addition to the dances, we offer Math tutoring on Monday nights from 6:00-7:30, free of charge. We have students from grades three to college coming in for help. Many adults are opting to change professions, and often it means taking a math placement test. This can be very intimidating without some preparation.

We also provide space for groups to meet such as the Girl Scouts. On Thursday nights, five levels of Girl Scout troops meet using every available space in the Center.

In addition we provide a place for the AYAA and AYSA to have registration, and meetings for their various athletic groups.

On Friday nights we have a group of women who meet to do quilting, knitting, crocheting or sometimes just sit and socialize. This diverse group ranges in age from 30s to 80s and is always ready to teach newcomers their particular craft.

These programs may not seem like much, but to the children and adults who come here, they are a big part of their lives. Over 5,000 people a year come through our doors. I hope the voters can move past the financial part of this project (less than one dollar a week), and keep the Center open by voting to approve the funding needed for the new Acushnet Public Library and Community Center.

*Nancy Francis
Treasurer and Co-Director
Acushnet Community Center*



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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 March 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 applications.

- 1) **Unaccepted Street Discontinuance**, the applicant, **111 Huttleston Avenue, LLC**, is requesting a Street Discontinuance of a portion of Maciel Street, a paper street, running northerly from Bridge Street. The location is between 134 and 140 Bridge Street. Map-25, between, Lots-86, 241, 241A and 244.
- 2) **Unaccepted Street Discontinuance**, the applicant, **Michael J. and Donna Ristuccia**, are requesting a Street Discontinuance of a portion of Dogwood and Ebony Streets, paper streets. The location is between Rocky Point Road and Bass Creek Road. Map-43C, between, Lots-193-218, 286-311 and 389-414.

Copies of the applications are 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. 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

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Andrew Carnegie

Dartmouth students collect 7,100+ books

Press Release

Dartmouth Middle School students thought they'd collected a lot of books for GiftsToGive in 2010 when they collected over 3,200 gently used books for kids and teens in one week. Then they smashed that record in 2011 by collecting over 6,000 gently used books. Now DMS students have smashed that record once again by donating 7,154 books.

The books were collected as part of the Amazing Race, a culture building R.A.R.E. activity held annually at the middle school. The book drive was one aspect of the Amazing Race. Other activities included a scavenger hunt and a building activity involving only straws.

The book drive was held all week long leading up to the Amazing Race held on Friday, January 18. For every five books students brought in, their homeroom received one point toward the Amazing Race. The book drive quickly got competitive, especially between rival homerooms in the school. The book drive was coordinated by librarian Laura Gardner.

"It's really exciting to focus that competitive spirit on something positive like this. Daily announcements on who was in the lead really inspired kids to bring in more books. Many of the books that were donated are in near perfect condition; I couldn't be happier about the outcome!"

All the books have been delivered to GiftsToGive in New Bedford where



Ms. Wingate's homeroom brought in the most books in the school: 712! Additional photos are available at <http://giftstogive.smugmug.com/Volunteer/Dartmouth-Middle-School>

they will be sorted by age level and distributed to school libraries in SouthCoast Public Schools along with children from families in need.

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FinCom says no way to town clerk's raise

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Despite acknowledging that he was in an especially good mood that evening, Fairhaven Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques admitted on 2/14 that it was awkward having to tell Town Clerk Eileen Lowney to her face that the committee would not support her requested pay raise for FY14.

After reading through her budget request, Mr. Roderiques encouraged Ms. Lowney to make her pitch to the committee to justify a pay raise in excess of 10%, from \$51,167 up to \$57,167.

"This raise would get me closer to what the other department heads are getting," said Ms. Lowney.

Mr. Roderiques asked her, "Are you a department head, or are you an elected official?"

He stated adamantly that no one would be getting a 10% pay increase this year — nobody.

There is a big difference between a department head and an elected official, Mr. Roderiques explained. "When you start looking at an elected office as a job, in my mind, it becomes a problem."

Ms. Lowney would need a better explanation than "that's what everybody else is making," Mr. Roderiques told her.

He turned to Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch and asked him, "Not all department heads get paid the same, do they?"

No, Mr. Osuch answered.

It would be like opening up a floodgate for every department head to ask for more money, in Mr. Roderiques's opinion. He said he could not justify a 10% pay increase. "Do I sit as the lone bad guy once again?"

FinCom Member Kim Hyland suggested looking into what other towns of similar population pay their town officials and department heads to which Mr. Roderiques responded, "Be very careful with that argument... You're opening up a floodgate."

Mr. Roderiques reminded Mr. Hyland to look at more than just population; the community's wealth factor and tax base have relevance.

"Trust me. I take no joy in this," said Mr. Roderiques. "I personally like

the town clerk."

But, he said, his responsibility is to the Town of Fairhaven and not about whether he likes the person or not.

"Do you know how many people have sat in that chair who have deserved more money?" Mr. Roderiques motioned to Ms. Lowney. "A fair amount of people have sat in that chair and don't deserve what they're getting," he continued, adding that most department heads in Fairhaven do not make as much as those in similarly populated communities.

Mr. Roderiques turned to Mr. Osuch and stated that he thinks Mr. Osuch is worth about \$25,000 more than what he gets paid. "I've been telling him that for years," said Mr. Roderiques.

Then Mr. Roderiques turned to Ms. Lowney and told her, "But you have

"Despite what people think," said Mr. Roderiques, "this is a business...a public service business." He added that the Town is not in business just to employ people, either.

the 'cute quotient,'" pointing out that Town Meeting will be the final arbitrator. He suggested that he is preparing for a number of Town Meeting votes that "won't go our way."

"It's not the desire to do it; it's the ability to do it," Mr. Roderiques said, stating that there is no room for cuts to operational budgets and, moving forward, "You gotta start looking at cutting jobs."

Before opening up discussion to other committee members, Mr. Roderiques said, "I myself can't recommend to Town Meeting raises...which is going to lead to a deficit, which is going to lead to layoffs."

"I'd rather be paying someone to work for the Town than not to work for the Town," said FinCom member Padraic Elliot meaning people laid off would still be collecting unemploy-

ment benefits.

Committee Member Colin Veitch said he agreed and that it did not make sense to him to give pay raises and have to lay workers off in order to fund them.

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FinCom Member Kathleen Carter said, with unfunded mandates such as the new Wood School and the Voc-Tech renovations load, she has to look at the "big picture."

"We gotta look down the line just like we do for our families," said Ms. Carter.

Mr. Hyland said these just aren't the years to be looking at pay raises. "One-percent is nothing...but it's still an increase that people aren't getting out on the factory floor."

He added that he would rather a department save money by losing an employee by attrition; in other words, by an employee retiring and simply not filling the position.

"I agree with you one-hundred percent," said Mr. Roderiques.

The committee motioned to recommend to Town Meeting the 1% pay raise to non-union employees, the same that union employees will receive effective 6/30, with no further salary increases.

"All those in favor?" said Mr. Roderiques, to which everyone raised their hand. "All those against? All those who want to climb under a rock?"

Mr. Roderiques then said, "I really don't know where we are going from here." He said it was especially difficult since the Selectboard has still not voted to accept a revenue projection scenario for FY13.

The committee proceeded to vote to make recommendations on several articles on the warrant, excluding those from the board of Public Works.

Highlights included recommending a 1% pay increase for the town clerk, because everybody else got one, as well as for the tree warden which Mr. Roderiques said was already promised to him.

"Do we give the moderator \$808 (1% increase for \$800) then?" asked

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Rollover on 195 causes minor injuries



State police, Fairhaven police, fire and paramedics respond to a one car rollover accident on the ramp from Route 240 entering Route 195 eastbound near Mill Road in Fairhaven on Tuesday morning, 2/19. According to Trooper Todd Nolan of the Mass. State Police, Christine Donnelly, 28, of New Bedford, lost control of the 1998 BMW 328 convertible. The car veered to the left and crashed on the right side, mounted the snowbank and flipped over onto its roof. The car continued east on top of the snowbank and flipped over again, resting on its roof facing eastbound. The driver suffered minor injuries and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. No charges were being filed at press time and police said it is unknown why the driver lost control.

Photo courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Fire on Washington caused by electric

Fairhaven Fire Dept. press release

Fairhaven firefighters responded to a house fire at 204 Washington Street on Tuesday, 2/19. The fire was reported at 9:12 p.m. when the resident lost power to the home and heard crackling in the walls. Two engines and a ladder truck responded. When firefighters arrived they found heavy smoke and flames coming from the front of the home on the first floor.

Fire is believed to have been

electrical in nature behind the wall and traveled to the second floor and attic. The home sustained heavy damage.

Fire was declared under control at 10:15 p.m. but, crews remained on scene for another three hours overhauling and checking for extension of the fire.

All of the utilities were shut off to the residence and the occupants would not be able to return to the

home. Two adults and two dogs escaped from the house without injury.

Acushnet Firefighters covered the Fairhaven Station while crews were battling the fire. The property is owned by Bob and Donna Westgate.

An estimate of damage was placed at \$200,000.00 according to Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira, Public Information Officer for the Fire Department. ●●●

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discuss the budget.

In other business the board:

- Received a progress report on the new Woods School construction, indicating that the school should be ready for occupation the first week of August as expected;
- Approved a Common Victualer's license for Tropical Smoothie on Alden Road, pending proof of a Federal ID number;
- Signed a waste disposal agreement for Howland Disposal Services;
- Approved a request to use Town Hall on February 22 for an event

celebrating the culmination of the town's Bicentennial festivities (see page 6 for details)

- Approved a request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold a three-mile MS Walk fundraiser on April 7th beginning and ending at Hastings Middle School. Custodial services, as well as police and fire detail will be handled by the event organizers.
- Approved of a \$7249.71 change order for corner wall guards and a safety railing on a roof ladder at the new school;
- Accepted all minutes of meetings

as usual except for the minutes of February 4th open meeting. Mr. Espindola said the discussion about mail-opening protocol at Town Hall made it appear as if he had been the organizer of the fundraiser for Newtown, CT, but he was not the organizer, it was other people in town. He also asked to strike the sentence that indicated the issues about mail opening pertained to the Newtown fundraiser. The board agreed to pass a motion striking the sentence and approved the minutes as amended. ●●●

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seats up for re-election are held by longtime member Gary Staffon, and the newly appointed Kasia Holloway Cripps, both unopposed.

BPW will see a new face, with Michael Ristuccia running for the seat currently held by Daniel Freitas. Mr. Freitas did not take out papers for his seat, leaving Mr. Ristuccia to run unopposed for the spot.

Commissioner of Trust Funds will not see a contested race. After incumbent Barbara Acksen pulled her nomination papers, Mark Badwey decided not to run.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority

has one seat up for re-election. Jimmie Oliver took out papers, but failed to return them by the deadline. According to town clerk Eileen Lowney, Mr. Oliver will run a write-in campaign.

Both town elections will be held on April 1st. In addition to town office, Acushnet may face a ballot question. The special town meeting originally scheduled for 2/11, was postponed until 2/25 due to the blizzard. If town meeting votes to support the new library/community center funding, the measure will go to voters on April 1 as it will require a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion. •••

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/25, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 3/6, Senior Ctr., 5:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Wed., 3/6, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/21, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/28, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/27, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Mon., 2/25 in Planning office

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Comm.

Wed., 2/27, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority

Wed., 2/27, 23 Main St., 9 a.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 2/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Police Sta. Bldg. Comm

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

Selectboard

Mon., 2/25, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Mon., 2/25, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

Rescheduled from 2/11 due to storm

TIDE TABLE

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Women in Military monument design unveiled

Press Release

The Women's Military Memorial Committee joined by more than 50 community members including local veterans and their families as well as representatives from the New Bedford delegation — United States Congressman William Keating, State Representatives Antonio Cabral and Paul Schmid, New Bedford Mayor Jonathan Mitchell and the majority of the New Bedford City Council — unveiled the official design for the new "Women in Military Service" monument during a press conference on 1/26, at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum. 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 design for the new memorial was created by PJ Mitchell, graphic designer at Poyant Signs, Inc. All of the design services for the project were donated by Poyant Signs.

"The Women's Military Memorial Committee would like to thank Richard Poyant, President of Poyant Signs, for generously donating the design services of his graphic design team to work with our committee in coming up with this masterpiece," said Kathy Luiz, committee member. "A very special thank you to PJ Mitchell, the graphic designer at Poyant Signs, who dedicated so much of her time and talent to this project — from the five initial designs, through the many revisions, to the exceptional layout that we have

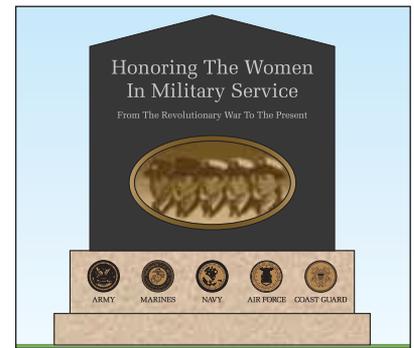
shared with you today. We are truly grateful for your support of this effort and bringing to life our vision for this new memorial."

The design incorporates an image of servicewomen in uniform representing the five branches of the US military which was originated on the 1997 stamp issued by the US Postal Service to honor the millions of women, past and present, who have served our country with such dedication, courage and patriotism in times of conflict and in times of peace. The military seals found at the base of the monument represent each branch of the military — reinforcing the reality that women have served and continue to serve the United States of America in all branches of the armed forces.

The inscription on the front of the monument: "Honoring the women in Military Service from the revolutionary war to the present" was selected to be inclusive of all women who have served, are serving and may serve our country in future times of need. The inscription found on the back of the monument: "She is your mother, sister, wife, daughter, friend" is a reminder of the many roles a woman in military service may hold in addition to her role as a service-woman in the US armed forces.

Tootell Monument Works will construct the new memorial.

"Matt Albanese and his grandfather Robert Albanese have worked closely with our committee to meet our proposed specifications," said



Luiz. "They are committed to providing the highest quality materials while matching our color, finish and design requests. We are confident that Tootell will provide a final product that will justly honor all women in military service; past, present and future."

The cost to manufacture and install the new memorial is \$33,450.

The Women's Military Memorial Fund has been established at St. Anne Credit Union located at 93 Union Street in New Bedford. Donations can be mailed directly to St. Ann Credit Union or deposited directly at the bank itself. Please note that there is only one location for St. Ann Credit Union, not to be confused with St. Anne's Credit Union.

The proposed location for the new monument is at Fort Taber Park, in New Bedford. The committee is in the process of receiving approval from the Park Board and the National Park Service. The committee hopes to have the new monument installed in time for a ribbon-cutting celebration on Veterans Day 2013.

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FinCom Member Kevin Costa.

"No," replied Mr. Roderiques, "with no disrespect."

Another FinCom member jokingly suggested that Mr. Costa was kissing-up to the town moderator for reappointment, should the Selectboard vote to adopt the Department of Revenue suggestion of giving appointing authority of FinCom to the moderator. The committee had a good laugh.

Mr. Roderiques criticized an article requesting \$450 to replace headstones in the Riverside Cemetery family plot of artist Lemuel D. Eldred, including his aunt's and his grandfather's stones.

An article for a dead person, said Mr. Roderiques. "It's a grave in a private cemetery... What about my favorite person's gravestone?"

"This is another example of why... eh, forget it," said Mr. Roderiques trailing off. "I promised myself not to get upset...I'm actually in a good mood."

The committee held off on an article for a security system for the Fire Department after Mr. Elliot suggested that with money so tight, perhaps the committee should wait to vote on it.

"Must be an inside job," commented Mr. Hyland. "Who would go and steal stuff at a police station?"

Shortly after 9 p.m., Mr. Hyland made an abrupt motion to adjourn.

Mr. Roderiques said to Mr. Hyland, "How can I resist a face like that on Valentine's Day?"

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in which people try
to keep the house
as warm as it was in
the summer, when they
complained about
the heat.

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