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

Union Wharf building slated for demolition



The building at Fairhaven's Union Wharf, known as the MacLean's Seafood Building, is slated for demolition. The town has received a grant to demolish the building (see legal notice on page 20). The building has deteriorated over the years and is on pilings that also need to be replaced. The town has also received a separate grant for renovations of the pier. Future plans include construction of a platform where the building is now that could support a new structure. *Neighb News file photos by Beth David taken in January, 2014.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Another week, another little miracle. It's amazing to me, but...it got done...again.

After more than 8 years you'd think I would have the hang of it by now.

Ah well.

We have mucho lots of fun stuff for you this week. The Board of Health continues to entertain (see page 13), as well as the Acushnet BPW (see page 16).

I swear, you just can't make up this stuff.

The Selectboard has been busy, banning dogs from town (see page 12) and setting budgets (page 18).

The dog show is worth watching on TV, folks, truly popcorn-worthy. John Steinbeck would be hard-pressed to create the characters in this story, and the saga continues. The dogs have disappeared from God's Green Earth...but I'm sure they are safe and sound.

The Selectboard also accepted an upweller from the Northeast Maritime Institute (page 12). The gadget requires some parts and work before it can be used and the town agreed to pay for that.

Now, I'm supposed to be quiet during meetings. It's an essential part of the job. Journalists are there to observe and report, and should not interrupt to ask questions. We are not supposed to influence the proceedings (except by our presence, of course).

Now, this is the thing: The NMI is a for-profit entity. Indeed, they pride themselves on their status. I have nothing bad to say about them, really I don't. I love their simulator machine, I love what they did with the building, and I especially love that they are for-profit and therefore pay taxes to the town.

So, why, in heaven's name, are we paying to fix the gadget that they "donated"? What kind of donation is that? They will be using it for their students, students who pay, who pay NMI, which is for-profit (see above). So, why are we paying to fix the gadget so they can make money from it?

I know we'll get to use it, too, and we'll get to keep the quahogs, but still...it's THEIR gadget to begin with. They are "giving" it to us so they can then put it on town property and not pay any rent.

I swear it was all I could do not to jump up and down and start and start hollering out questions like when celebrities get busted and are chased out of court by the press...questions like: why should the town subsidize them; why don't they rent the land at Hoppy's from us and as part of their rent donate the quahogs? I mean, really, what are they going to do with hundreds of thousands of baby quahogs anyway?

AAARRGGGHHHH...just because it's free does NOT mean it's a good deal, Selectboys. Geesh. We don't even know what's wrong with the stupid thing, and, hence, how much it will cost to fix it.

We got flimflammed, bamboozled, hornswoggled, wool-pulled-over-our-eyes....and we smiled and said thank-you. Ah well, good for them (meaning NMI). More power to 'em.

At least we'll get the quahogs.

Until next week then....

See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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Nothing? Really? Are you sure?

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars applications available online

Press Release

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars® officially launched a new website in January, 2014, through a new software tool provided by Scholarship America®, Dollars for Scholars' parent organization.

This new website will allow Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars to help students in the community access more scholarships. Through the website, students will have the ability to create an online profile, which allows them to apply for and be matched to multiple scholarships — on both the local and national levels — in just a couple of clicks.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars was able to customize the website to meet its specific needs; including keeping the local community updated on chapter news, events and deadlines; providing information on what's going on in education on a national level; and giving students and parents a one-stop-shop for chapter scholarships, educational resources, opportunities, and events. Visit www.fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars

encourages students to begin developing their online profiles now, to assure they are alerted about scholarship opportunities in advance of deadlines. In addition to scholarships, students will also have access to exclusive volunteer and internship opportunities that may be available to them, as well as a wealth of financial aid and college success tools and resources provided by Scholarship America.

About Dollars for Scholars®

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Vander Pol subdivision continued again

By Beth David
Editor

The plans still are not good enough. That was the message the Fairhaven Planning Board gave to Engineer Kenneth Ferreira, once again, on a proposal to subdivide property on Earle Street. With only a handful of neighbors who are still not deterred with the endless delays attending, the PB again refused to approve plans submitted by Mr. Ferreira on behalf of Mary Vander Pol at its meeting on 2/25.

The new plans are a departure from the previous plans, with the new access to the development now being shown on Jenny Street, not Earle Street or Route 6. The plan would also discontinue Perry Street. The area has a lot of wetlands, and Mr. Ferreira acknowledged that they would be required to replicate wetlands to complete the project.

"I have a little hurdle to go through with Conservation," said Mr. Ferreira.

He was looking for approval so he could go to the Conservation Commission with the plans able to say they had been approved by Planning.

PB chairperson Wayne Hayward was not willing to let ConCom take over the details of the plan. He said that ConCom did not have jurisdiction over the same areas that PB does.

The board also discussed at length whether it was a preliminary subdivision plan or a definitive subdivision plan. Mr. Ferreira kept referring to the plan as preliminary and alternately saying it was just a "discussion," but Mr. Hayward said it was not publicized as preliminary and if the board approved it, it would mean a very different thing.

He said there was no real plan for development at the end of the access road. The plan only showed where a road might go to access house lots, but it did not specify how many houses would be built, or how they would be built.

"I can't control what individual homeowners do with the lots," admitted Mr. Ferreira.

He also said that if the plan were denied that night, he might have to see the board in court. He said he did everything the board asked him to do.

Mr. Hayward said it might be smarter for Mr. Ferreira to withdraw the plan and resubmit it as a preliminary plan.

"I don't believe we can say 'yes' if it doesn't have all these things we're talking about," said Mr. Hayward.

In addition to the "hurdle" with ConCom, the plan would require a "signifi-

cant list of waivers," acknowledged Mr. Ferreira.

The list, however, was not spelled out for the board.

There was also some confusion on who owns Earle Street, which would be mostly eliminated by the plan.

Neighbors expressed concerns about widening the existing road, which would put it within a few feet of homes and other structures; stormwater runoff; drainage; and increased traffic.

The plan would also create two oddly shaped, non conforming lots that would have no access. If sold separately, the board would face a dilemma trying to find a way for owners to access their properties. Mr. Ferreira said the board could simply declare them as "no access" lots, as the state does around highway ramps.

Neighbors, armed with photos, said that the Forestview development made

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the area wetter and they feared this new development would make it worse.

"You can't adversely affect neighboring properties," said Mr. Ferreira, but the neighbors, and some board members just snickered, laughed and mumbled at that assertion, with more than one neighbor saying aloud, "but they did."

Benton Street was also another point of confusion, with Michael Gaj saying it had been discontinued and he owned half, but with Mr. Ferreira saying it was on the plan as existing and somehow figured into his subdivision plan.

The confusing and often-times fractured conversation included veiled threats of court, accusations of the town holding the applicants "hostage" and contradictory statements about statutory right of access, discontinued streets, and, most importantly, what a "yes" vote would actually mean.

Mr. Hayward said if the board voted yes, it would be approving a vague plan and would lose the ability to control the details. Mr. Ferreira argued that was not true because it was preliminary, but Mr. Hayward insisted that it was publicized as

definitive.

And round and round it went.

Concerns about the quality of the road included that it was not wide enough for a fire engine to use.

Mr. Ferreira said there would be a wide shoulder and that it would be firm enough to drive on.

"I can drive on my lawn," he said.

"You can't on Jenny Street," countered abutter Scott Messier. "And that's where you want to build."

Mr. Ferreira said the project will include improvements to the road, but it had to be approved first.

"There is no question there's going to be improvements to Jenny Street," said Mr. Ferreira. "We will do whatever we have to do."

Mr. Hayward said the question was not that the road would be improved, but what would be at the end of it, five houses or 20.

"Everything he's not showing here, I'm asking questions on," he said, adding that neighbors were getting worn down, as evidenced by how few were still showing up to meetings.

"I am not going to be worn down," Mr. Hayward said directly to the abutters. "That's why I'm arguing with him. I'm not buying it."

He said if Mr. Ferreira withdrew the definitive subdivision plan, he could reapply with the preliminary one the next day, there would be no two-year waiting period.

The exchange got a bit testy, with Mr. Ferreira insisting that the board had to approve the plan because he did what they asked him to do.

"I just want to know it's an acceptable layout, and then you will get your three sheets," he said, referring to a more detailed plan, with lots and sewer lines, etc.

"I'm not buying what you're trying to do," said Mr. Hayward, adding that the board would not let ConCom take over because they had no authority to force compliance of anything beyond the Wetlands Act.

"They want to protect wetlands; we want to protect the abutters," said Mr. Hayward.

The hearing was continued to the April 22 meeting to give Mr. Ferreira time to draw up more detailed plans and give the various town departments time to comment on them.

In another matter, the board also approved amendments to the Flood Plain Zoning Bylaw to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting in May.

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FBA Annual Meeting

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. will be holding its Annual Meeting on **Thursday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m., at the Whitfield-Manjiro House, 11 Cherry Street.** We will be treated to a tour of the museum prior to the meeting.

All businesses are welcome to attend and we will have Membership Applications on hand for all those wishing to join the FBA. Please bring your business cards, one to drop off in the basket for a raffle and the others to share. If you have any questions about the FBA or our meeting please feel to contact Cathy Melanson, President at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice-President at 508-996-4828. See you there!

Tour Guides Needed

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is seeking volunteer tour guides for the museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. The museum celebrates the relationship between Capt. William Whitfield and Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the USA.

As we struggle through the cold of winter we look ahead to the spring and summer when we will be welcoming hundreds of eager visitors to the Friendship House Museum and the Manjiro Trail. To date we have hosted over 3,000 visitors from all over the world. In order to accommodate them we will need to add to our veteran group of tour guides. We will be training new guides during the spring so that we will be ready for the heavy summer traffic. We use a tour script and "happi-coat" uniform especially designed for us. Guides of all ages are welcome.

This is a great way to learn a part of our fascinating local history.

Trainings can be done in the evening as well as during the day. Those who are interested, or know someone who is, can e-mail Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call Gerry at 508-995-1219.

Candidates Night

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc., will be hosting a candidates night on **Tuesday, 3/18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd.** This event will

replace the candidates night formally hosted by The North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

We are asking that anyone interested in asking any questions to please send their queries and the intended recipient to Fairhaven Business Association, Inc., c/o Charlene Conway, 14 Brookstone Drive, Lakeville, MA 02346. Also, for their convenience, they may drop off their questions in an envelope at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave. If time allows, we may take additional questions from the audience. The moderators for the evening will be Dr. Brian Bowcock, of Fairhaven Chiropractic, and Wayne Oliveira, of Mike and Wayne's.

This event will be recorded and, if possible, broadcast live. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Melanson, President of the FBA at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice-President at 508-996-4828.

Call For Artists

Art on Center invites artists of all ages and working in any media to participate in their second annual "Art of Fairhaven" competition and exhibition. Join in and share with us your vision of this historic town! (Entrants need not be residents of Fairhaven). **Entries may be submitted through April 16.** The exhibition begins April 19th, with an opening reception from 3-6pm. Winners will be announced and cash prizes awarded. The art exhibition runs through 5/24.

For more information and an application, call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org or drop by the center at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This program is supported by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council. Art on Center is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

Homecoming Fair Applications

Applications for the 2014 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair which will be held on Saturday, June 28, are now available. Applications are available on our website: www.fairhavenhomecoming.org or copies may be picked up at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven Town Hall (Select-

men's Office) and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

Questions may be sent to: fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

World Religions Class

Stretch your mind with a World Religions class offered by Rev. Ann Fox on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m. starting March 4** and continuing into April at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. We will meet in the Harrop Center & study 8 major religions using the book "The World's Religions" by Huston Smith. The books are on sale at the church for \$13 or pick one up through your local library. For more information or to register, call the church office at 508-992-7081. No fee. All are welcome

Chowdah!

The Fairhaven Varsity Club will hold its annual Chowder & Clamcake dinner on **Fri., March 21, from 4:30-8 p.m. at the club, 9 Adams Steet, Fairhaven. Partially accessible.**

Tickets: \$8 donation (free refills on chowder), available at the door or from any club member. For information, 508-992-1766 .

Proceeds benefit the programs of the club. The Fairhaven Varsity Club, established in 1934, promotes and encourages athletic sports, provides a loyal alumni influence towards the activities of Fairhaven High School.

United Way Orient.

Grassroots groups with budgets of \$25,000 or less are invited to apply for a mini-grant up to \$2,500 to improve, strengthen and build local community. Applicants are required to attend a two hour orientation session:

- Tuesday March 4th at 10 AM at The Salvation Army in New Bedford located at 619 Purchase Street
- **Thurs., 3/13 at 6 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging, 226 Huttleston Ave. (Rte. 6, near Stop & Shop)**
- Thursday, March 20th at 6 PM at the Wareham Free Public Library located at 59 Marion Road (Rte. 6)

To register please call Claudia Kirk, Program Director, at 508-994-9625 ext. 13 or ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Douglass Document.

Experience *The North Star Journey* premiere on **Fri., 2/28, from 6-7 p.m. at the Cook Memorial Theater at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Accessible.** Doors will open at 5:30 pm. View the reality trailer at: <http://youtu.be/S6jOQnF5R7E>

The free screening is part of *New Bedford Celebrates Frederick Douglass: And his Journey from Slavery to the Heights of the Abolitionist Movement*, a program series presented by The New Bedford Historical Society, The New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center highlighting Douglass' remarkable life throughout the month of February 2014.

After being invited to D.C. during the summer of 2013 for a week-long experience, the Youth Ambassadors took on every opportunity and challenge they encountered. The impact of what they felt, saw, learned and did is evident throughout "The North Star Journey" and in every verse of their newest song, "North Star." As they became more immersed in the world of the Underground Railroad and in particular the stories of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, it seemed they could find the courage and energy to do anything. From learning to kayak, completing a challenging bike ride and simply finding a renewed appreciation for opportunities they might pursue thanks to the work of others; inspiration was in the air.

For more information, call New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center at 508-996-4095.

Dramatic Reading

What were **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Charles Sumner's** thoughts and feelings about slavery and abolitionism? What was their relationship to each other? "Tender Heart and Brave" dramatic reading explores these issues on **Saturday, March 1, at 1:00 PM at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., 508-996-4095.** The Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site, has collaborated with Boston African American National Historic Site to create this program. This event

portrays the close personal relationship of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Charles Sumner. Tracing their relationship using their own words, through their letters, journal entries, speeches, and poetry, this program also follows the ongoing conflicts in the United States over slavery and the personal struggles these two men had in finding their roles.

For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe

Bowl-A-Thon

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Child & Family Services will be holding their 10th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser on Sunday March 2nd from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Wonder Bowl, located at 66 Hathaway Road in New Bedford.

This is a fun, family friendly charity event that anyone can participate in. There are many ways to get involved. **Each bowler is asked to raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges.** Participants will receive pizza, drinks, snacks, and will compete for trophies.

For further information, or to sign up, please contact Deanna Bodeau at (508) 990-0894 or visit our website at www.child-family-services.org.

ABWA Meeting

March is Mentor Month for the SouthCoast chapter of the American Business Women's Association! College students and young entrepreneurs are cordially invited to join the ABWA for its March business meeting and networking event on **Wed., 3/5, at 5:30 p.m. at Our Sisters' School, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford.**

Guest speaker Dr. Gail Berman-Martin, Director of the Career Development Center at the UMassDartmouth, will conduct a presentation on Professional Etiquette. Students and staff from Our Sisters' School, a tuition-free, all-girls, private middle school, will give a presentation and tour of their school.

The ABWA is a non-profit group of women from diverse occupations and stages in their professional careers who meet monthly for the purposes of leadership development, sharing business information, networking support, and personal growth.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m.

with networking, followed by a brief ABWA business meeting and buffet dinner catered by local women-owned businesses. **Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.**

Attendees are requested to pre-register online at <http://www.abwasouthcoast.org/meetings/>. For more information on the ABWA, or to pay for registration by check, please contact Chapter President Mali Lim at 508-863-1831.

Summer Job Apps

The City of New Bedford announced that applications for seasonal summer jobs are now available. The department offers positions for New Bedford residents with many focusing on youth ages 16-24. Most jobs are for 8-10 weeks during the summer working in a variety of programs. More than 70 positions will be offered throughout the summer; many are entry-level positions, and others require professional certification or experience.

Applications are available at the Administrative Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 181 Hillman St. Bldg 3 or on the City of New Bedford "Jobs Available" webpage. All applications must be returned to the Administrative Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 181 Hillman St. Bldg 3, Monday-Friday between the hours of 1:00pm-4:00pm. Applications will be accepted until 5/16. Applicants must attend one information session to complete their application.

For more information please contact the Office of Parks Recreation & Beaches at (508) 961-3015 or stop by the office at 181 Hillman St. Bldg #3

Design Contest

The Working Waterfront Festival is pleased to announce a design contest. Artists 16 years and older are invited to submit a creative design for the 2014 Festival. Designs will be used for the Festival t-shirt, poster and program guide. Designs should convey festival's emphasis on the commercial fishing industry, the working port and the 2014 theme, Fishing Families.

For more info, call 508-993-8894, email info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org, or visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Tiara Run Regist

Registration is now open for the 8th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, hosted by Oxford Creamery, Kids Fun Run at 9 a.m., 5K at 9:30;

The Tiara is a fun, healthy way to celebrate the women in our lives, while raising money to support the important efforts of the Women's Fund in their mission to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in our region.

Register online at www.womensfundtiara5k.com

Last year's race raised more than \$40,000 and attracted more than 250 volunteers, 50 sponsors and 1,100 runners, walkers and fun run participants!

Int'l Women's Day

The Women's Fund, the Women's Center and YWCA Southeastern MA have co-sponsored a networking event for International Women's Day since 2011. The program will include a panel discussion on the social ramifications of educational attainment and the economic impact on women's lifetime earning potential. Panelists are Eunice Soyun Yang, Bristol County Commission on the Status of Women, Sarah Herman, Our Sister's School, and Cynthia E. Cummings Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/UMass.

Join us on **Thursday, March 6th at the Wamsutta Club starting at 5:30pm, at The Wamsutta Club 427 County St., New Bedford, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Cash Bar, Light Refreshments. \$5 at the door or Register Online www.ywcasema.org/events

For information on International Women's Day, which is on Sunday, March 8, visit www.internationalwomensday.com/

Healing Hearts F-R

On **Saturday, March 1 at 6:00 pm**, "Healing little Hearts" will hold its annual black-tie gala and auction fundraiser at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum**. The event is sponsored by Baby Blanket SunCare Products and raises approximately \$100,000 per year for pediatric heart research at Boston Children's Hospital. There are over 100 auction

items, including a stay in an Italian villa, Red Sox and Patriots tickets, airfare anywhere in the continental U.S., a stay at a Costa Rican villa, and spa treatments, among many other items.

Tickets are \$125 and include fine food, full open bar and valet parking. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or (preferably) in advance by calling 508-789-7001 or emailing info@healinglittlehearts.com.

Auditions

Buzzards Play Productions (BPP) announces auditions for *The Pajama Game*. Auditions will be held at the theatre on Sunday, March 2nd 1-4pm (kids 16 and under are encouraged to attend on this day); Monday, March 3, 6-9pm; Tuesday March 4, 6-9pm. Call backs are by invitation only and will be on Saturday, March 8th from 2:00-4:00pm. Performances will be June 12-15, 20-22 and 27-29.

The Pajama Game is a musical based on the book *7 1/2 Cents* by Richard Bissell, with music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. It first opened on Broadway in 1954 when it won a Tony for Best Musical. It was made into a popular film in 1957 starring Doris Day. The BPP production will be directed by Corinne Cameron with Music Direction by Kevin Quill.

Buzzards Play Productions is a local non-profit theatre located in Wareham, MA. The theatre has been producing family friendly theatrical productions since 2011 including *Godspell*, *Rent*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *The Rocky Horror Show*. Now a 501(c)3 organization, 2013-2014 is the first official season of Buzzards Play Productions. In addition to theatre, the venue houses 3065 LIVE, a fully functional music venue which brings acts from all over the country to Wareham.

Volunteers Needed

Southcoast® Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is currently seeking volunteers for its 11th annual bereavement camp, "Camp Angel Wings," in July. This is a fun-filled, two-day camp experience for children ages 6 through 15, who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The camp will be held on July 12 and 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Camp

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In order to participate, volunteers must meet the following requirements: • Complete and submit volunteer application as soon as possible but no later than June 9 • Provide two references • Undergo successful state background check

In addition, all volunteers will need to complete volunteer training, which will be provided by Southcoast VNA. The responsibilities of the volunteer will be to serve as camp counselor to a group of 6 to 7 children (requires a commitment to the entire weekend), or to lead or assist with grief activities such as grief walk, petting zoo, arts and crafts, planting flowers, and decorating masks, photo frames and memory boxes. Camp Angel Wings uses various interactive activities to help campers share their loss, and memorialize loved ones. All activities are designed to reduce feelings of isolation while improving the self-esteem of children and teens who share like experiences in grief.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Lindsay Coe, Camp Coordinator at 508-973-3219 or coel@southcoast.org. To find out more about Camp Angel Wings, visit the Southcoast website at <http://www.southcoast.org/vna/camp.html#volunteers>.

Pan Mass Chall. Kids

To know someone who has been affected by cancer is a scary and heart-wrenching experience for an adult, let alone a child. By starting a Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Kids Ride in your area, you can provide children, ages 2 to 15, with the opportunity to join the PMC mission.

The PMC is looking for volunteer coordinators to start PMC Kids Rides in Mattapoisett. PMC Kids Rides can be held in a school parking lot, a park, or anywhere there are safe roads. A PMC staff member will be there to support coordinators throughout the planning process with regard to logistics, signage, rider recruitment, promotion and fundraising.

For more information about the PMC Kids Rides program, to start a ride in your area, or participate in an existing ride, visit www.kids.pmc.org or call Justine Darmanian at (781)449-5300 for spring 2014 rides.



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- 2 T. flour
- 1/4 t. Finely shredded lemon peel
- 2 T. Lemon juice
- 1 T. Water
- 1/4 t. Baking powder
- 1 T. Powdered sugar

Spray an 8x8x2 inch baking pan with nonstick spray; set pan aside. In a small mixing bowl combine 3/4 c. flour and 3 t. sugar. Cut in margarine till crumbly. Pat mixture onto the bottom of the prepared pan. Bake @350 oven for 15 minutes (do not burn).

Meanwhile, in the same bowl combine egg and egg white. Beat with an electric mixer on med. speed till frothy. Add 2/3 c. Sugar, 2 T. Flour, lemon peel, lemon juice, water and baking powder. Beat on med. speed for 3 min. or until slightly thickened. pour mixture over baked layer in pan. Bake for 20 to 25 min. More or till the edges are light brown and center is set.

Cool in pan on a wire rack. Sift powdered sugar over top. Cut into bars Store in refrigerator. Makes 16 figure friendly bars.

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Bevy Lussier

CVS pulling tobacco from shelves

Press Release

CVS Caremark (NYSE: CVS) announced on February 5 that it will stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products at its more than 7,600 CVS/pharmacy stores across the U.S. by October 1, 2014, making CVS/pharmacy the first national pharmacy chain to take this step in support of the health and well-being of its patients and customers.

"Ending the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products at CVS/pharmacy is the right thing for us to do for our customers and our company to help people on their path to better health," said Larry J. Merlo, President and CEO, CVS Caremark. "Put simply, the sale of tobacco products is inconsistent with our purpose."

Smoking is the leading cause of premature disease and death in the United States with more than 480,000 deaths annually. While the prevalence of cigarette smoking has decreased from approximately 42 percent of adults in 1965 to 18 percent today, the rate of reduction in smoking prevalence has stalled in the past decade. More interventions, such as reducing the availability of cigarettes, are needed.

In a Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Viewpoint, Brennan

and co-author Steven A. Schroeder, Director, Smoking Cessation Leadership Center, University of California, San Francisco, wrote, "The paradox of cigarette sales in pharmacies has become even more relevant recently, in large part because of changes in the pharmacy industry. Most pharmacy chains are retooling themselves as an integral part of the health care system. They are offering more counseling by pharmacists, an array of wellness products and outreach to clinicians and health care centers. Perhaps more important, pharmacies are moving into the treatment arena, with the advent of retail health clinics. These retail clinics, originally designed to address common acute infections, are gearing up to work with primary care clinicians to assist in treating hypertension, hyperlipidemia and diabetes all conditions exacerbated by smoking."

The Town of Fairhaven has banned the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies since November of 2012. The measure was passed by the Board of Health on Sept. 17, 2012.

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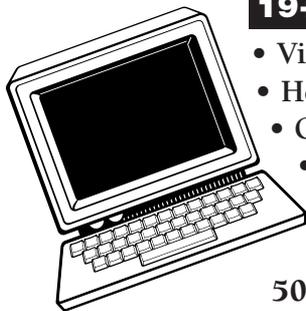
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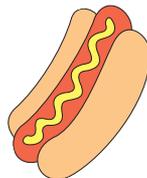
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Staffon dogs ordered out of town

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Selectboard members reached the end of their patience with dog owner Susan Staffon of 59 Ocean Avenue. At its meeting on 2/19, the board agreed with new Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps that Ms. Staffon was unable to control her animals and that the dogs should be moved out of Fairhaven, with the destination city or town being warned that the dogs were on the way.

At least 10 neighbors showed up to weigh in on the matter, with all but one complaining about the two Chocolate Labrador Retrievers and particularly about Ms. Staffon. Seated in the front row with her live-in companion Robert LaPointe, Ms. Staffon challenged the notion that the dogs were hers at all.

This is the third time in three years that Ms. Staffon has been chastised by the selectboard for the way she handles her dogs (See *Neighb News* issues from 11/10/11, 3/8/12, and 4/12/12). In 2012, the dogs were taken from her for 30 days while she had a fence professionally installed.

Mr. Cripps said the fence was adequate to keep the dogs contained, so it was simply "carelessness" on the part of the owner.

"There's no excuse for it," said Mr. Cripps.

Mr. Cripps said the three things he needed to be concerned about were public safety, public nuisance, and time & money. He said there was no doubt the dogs posed a risk to public safety and were a public nuisance.

He said he has gotten numerous calls for those dogs and that they growled and barked at him, and the male dog attempted to bite him.

He said the dogs circled the van until they saw a woman walking and then they went after her, then a man.

"I'm getting accused and harassed for dogs that aren't mine," said Ms. Staffon.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth told Ms. Staffon that he had police reports about the police and Mr. Cripps being aggressively approached by her dogs.

"But how does he know those are the dogs," she asked.

A bit of back-and-forth later, Ms. Staffon said there are other dogs in the neighborhood, and turned to her neighbors sitting behind.

"I am not perfect like other people in this room might be," she said.

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy pointed out that police had been called four times in three weeks.

Ms. Staffon said she called them, too, about other dogs.

"It's a long, longstanding problem," said Janice Riley who lives on Seaview Avenue. She said she had to hold her small dog above her head to protect it from the Chocolate Labs, and that Ms. Staffon's dogs are "not properly socialized."

"We just want to be safe," said Ms. Riley.

Simone Bourgeois said there was indeed at least one other dog roaming the neighborhood that did not belong to Ms. Staffon, but it was a Black Lab. Ms. Staffon had a picture of it to show the selectboard.

Mary Sylvia said her 103-year-old

They don't belong in
Fairhaven anymore.
People in this town
don't deserve them
[Susan Staffon]

mother lived in the neighborhood and was afraid to go out. She said that when she went to visit her mother she saw Chocolate Labs roaming the streets, not a Black Lab, and that she was afraid to get out of the car because the dogs surrounded it and were acting aggressively.

Ms. Staffon also said it was not fair that people could make anonymous calls. She said she did not know the people in the room, or who was complaining.

Christine DeMello of Ocean Avenue and a man with her, stood to confront Ms. Staffon. He said, "Lady you are whacked," while Ms. DeMello said you "know damned well" who we are.

"So don't play stupid like you don't know where we live," said Ms. DeMello, adding that one of the neighbors walks with a stick because of Ms. Staffon's dog.

Ms. DeMello said she is getting a Rottweiler puppy soon and is afraid.

"I'm not going to walk down the street with a little puppy," she said.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that the dogs going after people was a "serious concern."

"We can't have any of that," he said.

Mr. Cripps said he did not think the dogs were adoptable.

"Something has to be done," said Mr. Cripps, adding that the "tools are in place" to keep the dogs contained.

"You are a bad dog owner. You shouldn't own dogs," Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth told Ms. Staffon, adding she should never be allowed to have dogs again.

However, the town does not have the authority to ban her from owning dogs. Mr. Murphy said their options were to terminate the dogs or ban them from town. He said he did not want to euthanize the dogs.

He said the neighbors have a right to be safe walking the streets and when the Animal Control Officer has to take measures not to be bitten, that's a "red flag."

"These are not my dogs," insisted Ms. Staffon. "Now you're going to take my dogs away from me and you're not sure...It is not my dogs. It is not my dogs."

"I don't understand how they can be someone else's dogs," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola.

"Something has to be done," said Mr. Cripps. "The whole neighborhood is looking over their shoulder...they can't walk down the street."

Robert Lapointe, who lives with Ms. Staffon, said that one of the dogs was registered to him and that it was granted AKC "citizenship."

"Maybe these people in the neighborhood are antagonizing him," said Mr. Lapointe.

"I think there's a lot of people in this room that have formed a hatred against these dogs," said Ms. Staffon.

"I didn't even know these people before this. I have no hatred of these people," said Janice Dexter, adding that they need to control their dogs.

The board gave Ms. Staffon 14 days to find a place for the dogs. Meanwhile, the dogs were supposed to go to the shelter. The matter will be on the agenda for the 3/3 meeting.

"I will not attend that meeting," said Ms. Staffon.

She was ordered to surrender the

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Fairhaven may go to automated trash/recycle bin system

Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

A full house, including the Board of Health, was present Monday night, 2/24, at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works meeting to hear a proposal for increasing recycling among Fairhaven residents by ABC Disposal. The company was also seeking a renewal of its contract with the town. Board member Kathy Sturtevant was absent from the meeting.

A contingency from ABC Disposal, led by Vice President and General Manager Michael Camara, began to demonstrate their recycling program proposal to the board by wheeling in two blue containers, one for trash and one for recycling.

ABC, servicing Fairhaven since 1987, is the largest family owned and operated solid waste and recycling company in southeastern Massachusetts; operating over 85 vehicles every day while employing more than 200 people, 25 who are from Fairhaven.

After presenting the board with a brief history of the company, Operations Manager Jerry Dugan explained what Fairhaven residents could expect from a single stream cart collection-recycling program.

Each participating resident would receive one 65-gallon cart for trash and one 95-gallon cart for recycling. Recycle carts are blue with orange lids with trash carts in solid blue. Carts can come in different sizes to accommodate large or small households.

Mr. Dugan told the boards that more than 12,000 carts would be distributed throughout Fairhaven

during a six-week period.

He said that Fairhaven ended 2013 with a 14 percent recycling rate, which is very low. With the new program, Fairhaven could see 30–45 percent higher recycling rates.

“We would spearhead and lead in the education process for the town,” Mr. Dugan said, and described to the board that information on the program would be sent out by mail in the form of brochures and flyers.

When Mr. Dugan mentioned costs, board BPW Chairperson Steven Riley

recycling. Mr. Camara answered that they were.

Fairhaven Selectboard member Robert Espindola was also in attendance to hear the proposal.

When it came to questions from Public Works, the availability of multiple carts for a home was a concern for board member Brian Wotton. Mr. Camara answered that multiple carts would be available.

Board member Mike Ristuccia posed a hypothetical question of residents possibly disposing of their trash in the recycling carts.

“The goal here is to get people to recycle,” said Mr. Ristuccia. “How will you police that?”

Mr. Dugan said that they have a way to track that down debris that does not belong in the bins, especially in a “pay-as-you-throw” system, the possibility of which will be discussed at the next meeting.

When Vice-Chairperson Robert “Hoppy” Hobson asked about couches and furniture on street sides, Mr. Dugan responded that nothing changes from the current contract of removing bulky items from sidewalks.

After the public presentation, the board went into a 25-minute executive session discussion with ABC Disposal for renewal of their contract.

Mr. Riley recused himself from discussion on the contract due to the reason that ABC does work for his company.

In items for action, a payment scheduled to Pavao Construction for work on the Fort Street Roadway Improvement Project was tabled for the next meeting in March 10.

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decided to withhold discussing numbers until the meeting went into executive session to talk over contracts. The town has separate contracts for trash and recycling, with the BPW responsible for the trash contract and the Board of Health responsible for recycling.

The BOH was on hand to hear ABC’s proposal and posed the question of whether waxy milk cartons were acceptable for

Board of Health refuses to release executive session minutes

By Beth David

Editor

At its meeting on 2/24, the Fairhaven Board of Health accepted the much sought-after minutes for the executive session they held on 1/6/14, when they discussed personnel matters with Health Inspector Susan Griffith. The board also voted not to release those minutes to the public, including to Ms. Griffin, who was at the meeting and had asked for them in writing.

BOH chairperson Jeannine Lopes said the board had the right to keep the minutes from being released

because it was a “personnel issue.”

Ms. Griffith asked the board how long they would hold the minutes.

“I thought there was a time limit on how long you can hold them,” she said.

Ms. Lopes said she would research the matter and let her know.

The board also accepted the job description created by Ms. Griffith, with an amendment that was not discussed. When the controversy over her hours and other aspects of her job performance arose, no one could find a job description, so she was asked to create one.

According to Ms. Griffin, in a

follow-up discussion, the job description includes the same set hours every week, a point of contention between her and the board.

In another matter, Health Agent Patricia Fowle reported that four Fairhaven businesses were caught in a sting selling tobacco to 16-year-old.

The compliance program periodically sends an underaged person into stores to buy cigarettes and other tobacco products to test compliance with the law. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to buy tobacco products.

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Acushnet BPW and Selectboard still at odds

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The much-maligned Acushnet Board of Public Works responded to the Acushnet Selectboard's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for Public Works documents and records detailing alleged controversial business practices by submitting a single illegible, photocopied sheet to the Selectboard at its meeting on Monday, 2/24.

After a big jump in water rates, Acushnet residents called for a special town meeting and voted in December to eliminate the BPW and to have the Selectboard oversee the department of public works. The move requires a vote of the legislature. Meanwhile, the Selectboard asked to be kept informed of any changes the BPW might make. The Selectboard found out from news accounts that the BPW had decided to return to the old water rates, but had not informed the Selectboard.

In January, the Selectboard filed an FOIA request for the documents.* On Monday, Selectboard Chairperson Leslie Dakin held up a single undecipherable photocopy of a graph. He described the graph as "scribble-like."

"There are no assumptions or rationale here," said Mr. Dakin.

"Mr. Chairman, I am outraged," said Selectboard member David Wojnar. "When I saw this, I thought someone submitted their EKG. It is unfortunate."

As a result, to create stability and leadership in the department, the Selectboard discussed the question of who will oversee the BPW after the home rule petition with the legislature is approved. Although the petition has not been approved yet,

Mr. Dakin, spoke confidently that it would pass soon.

"It's just a matter of time," he said.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar suggested having a structural organization in place before voting on the matter.

"Who is going to take on what responsibilities, of salaries and compensations...things of that nature, so we can make a rational judgment in knowing what we are doing," said Mr. Gaspar.

"The first step in the process would be for this board to make a decision whether or not to take it over," added Mr. Wojnar. "Then we can appoint a delegate or have a debate amongst ourselves on what the organizational structure should look like."

"Till we resolve who is going to oversee this, we run the risk of making a clumsy decision, which is why I asked for it to be on the agenda," said Mr. Wojnar.

Mr. Dakin weighed in on the matter: "I believe the voters of Acushnet would prefer to have the Board of Selectmen oversee the department of public works."

Mr. Wojnar said there are two options on who would oversee the department's day-to-day operations: the Selectboard, or create and appoint a second board.

"It is my intention to have this board be proactive and vote today,"

said Mr. Wojnar if the home-rule petition passes. "We need to be able to hit the ground running and make the transition smooth as possible."

"There's no mystery as far as I am concerned," said Mr. Dakin about who should oversee the department of

public works. "It should be the Board of Selectmen."

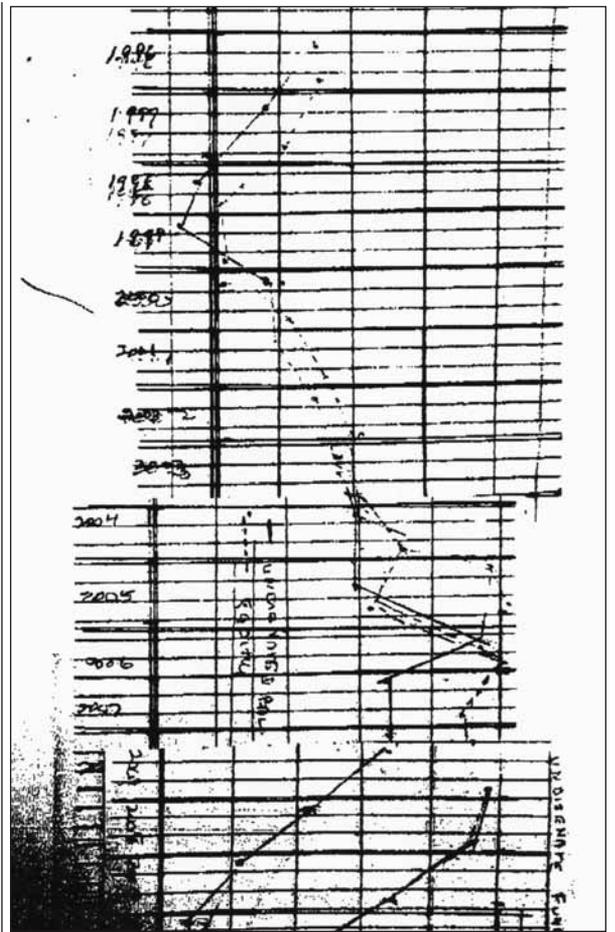
A motion was made for the Selectboard to oversee and be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the department of public works, and discuss at a later date on the organizational structure of the board. The motion carried unanimously.

In other matters, the Environmental Protection Agency has requested a meeting with the Selectboard as an invitation to discuss cleanup of the New Bedford Harbor with the town of Fairhaven.

"They want to talk about any plans the town has on the river harbor area and address any questions we may have about the cleanup," said Mr. Dakin.

The board voted to invite the EPA to a future meeting.

*Download a copy of the Selectboard's letters on our website: www.NeighbNews.com



The Acushnet Board of Public Works submitted this document to the Selectboard in response to a request for documents pertaining to water rate changes.

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Here come the budgets...

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Selectboard members met with school, police, fire, and public works department heads on Feb. 22nd to review best and worst case scenarios for budgets and to discuss articles for the upcoming town meeting.

Department heads were asked to submit budgets that also reflected 2-percent decreases and level funding, but Fire Chief Timothy Francis pointed out that even at level funding, he would be forced to lay off an employee. Hampered by the fact that the town and firefighter union were still in contract negotiations, he submitted a tentative budget that reflected 1-percent increase in several areas, including maintenance and ambulance supplies. Overtime for fire and EMT personnel called for an extra \$2,600 each.

"It's been a tough year firefighterwise," he said. "This is the first time we've had a lot of serious injuries in my 14 years as a chief."

The line item for medical services was also up in the air as the town is still considering pulling medical services out of the fire and police department budgets and adding them to the town's insurance line item.

Police Chief Michael Myers submitted a \$3,114,511 budget request, explaining that no matter what the scenario — whether a 2-percent decrease, level funding, or a 1-percent increase — the department faced either reduced hours for at least one administrative sergeant or, at the very worst, layoffs of up to three personnel.

Some of the increases he requested included funds to cover maintenance and telephone utilities as last year's budget simply did not cover all the necessary costs.

For the administrative side of the Board of Public Works, the budget called for an additional \$4,849 dollars to cover a 1-percent salary increase and longevity pay for BPW Superin-

tendent Vincent Furtado, but level funding for everything else. The Highway Department submitted a budget asking for an additional \$43,000 dollars for a 1-percent increase for salaries, while keeping everything else level funded. For the Parks Department, which only has one full-time employee, any cuts to the budget would mean cutting back the number of weeks that summer employees would work.

The Water Department budget reflected 1-percent increases for salary, wages and longevity payments, plus necessary increases to cover cleaning, maintenance, and water assessments costs, while level funding other line items. The Sewer

decision to switch to a cart program of trash removal. According to Mr. Furtado, Fairhaven has a very poor recycling rate of only 9-percent, and the town is currently mulling two options: a "pay to throw" option similar to Dartmouth's where residents must purchase and use special bags for trash disposal, or a cart program similar to New Bedford's. Under the cart program, residents are given a 65-gallon cart for trash, and a 95-gallon cart for recycling, which forces people to recycle more in order to keep the regular trash cart from filling up.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin submitted a tentative budget of \$18,348,083, an increase of \$369,584 over last year's figures. School department officials and selectboard members discussed public expectations that the requested budget would have decreased thanks to combining the Rogers and Woods schools into one school. Dr. Baldwin explained that the town did see savings, in that the school department only asked for an additional \$369,584 instead of the \$500,000 or more they would have needed to operate next year. The difference between those two numbers represents the savings of the closing of the schools, he said.

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The department heads also presented justifications for some of their articles in the upcoming town meeting this spring, including:

- \$5,100 for a new fire department copy machine, to replace their 15-year old copier, as repair parts are no longer available for the old one;
- \$161,252 estimated for repairing both sides of the roof at the combined police and fire headquarters;
- \$42,500 and \$6,725 dollars earmarked for matching grant funds, if the fire department wins grants for a new ladder truck and new firefighter gear, respectively;
- \$575 to replace wet well pumps on South and Taber streets.

Department, on the other hand, asked for only an additional \$19,000 for a 1-percent increase for salaries. All other line items, including contractor services, chemical supplies and lab testing reflected a 4-percent decrease, as the town now has a better sense of what is and isn't needed for proper maintenance of the digester, Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick explained.

The budget hearing for the BPW digressed briefly as the selectboard and BPW members discussed the status of contract talks with ABC Disposal and whether or not Fairhaven would follow New Bedford's



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From our readers

Bike path should be cleared

Residents have been advocating that the town of Fairhaven clear the MUP (Multi Use Path), or as it's more commonly know, the bike path, for three years now. More and more residents have started to make noise about this issue. It seems that because people consider this a recreational path there is no need to keep it accessible to the public.

The Phoenix Bike Trail, a rail to trail project, has been around for over 10 years. It has been plowed of snow in the past by the town Department of Public Works (DPW), a selectman, a town policeman and a private citizen on a riding lawn mower with a plow attached. The last three are a testament to the popularity and necessity of this route.

The main gripe is that this MUP is the only alternate route to the busy and shoulder-less US Route 6, part of IKE's Grand Army Highway System, for those residents on the east side of town. For days and sometimes weeks after a snow storm, town residents are forced to walk this busy and fast highway. Most walk with the flow of traffic which means they have their backs to the oncoming traffic.

The Fairhaven DPW consistently uses the bike trail as a shortcut to the town yard. Trucks equipped with snow plows use this shortcut but are not allowed to drop the plow and clear some of the snow. The latest excuse is that the plows will tear up the pavement.

Even the most casual observer knows that during the first pass of snow clearing, nothing comes in contact with the blacktop. The first pass always leaves an inch or two of snow. It takes multiple passes and also salt/sand to get any road down to the pavement. None of that is necessary in this case.

All of the path faces south, and all of the path in the winter gets a full day of sun as the trees are bare of leaves. Getting the snow down to an inch or two, one pass of a plow, would be more than enough of an aid to the natural melting and clearing of the path. One day of sunshine would make the MUP passable and prevent people from taking the risk of walking on a state highway.

Most of all, twelve-year-olds would not be forced to ride their bikes on this dangerous, shoulder-less high speed road.

John Sullivan, Fairhaven

A Windmill Fairy Tale

The Wicked Witch and the Nocebo Sangria

The miller's wagon packed with tools, canvas, gears, shafts and heavy grinding stones creaked into the square before the Inn. After a tankard of Spencer Ale and a quorum of stuffed quahogs he walked about. By day's end, he knew in his heart that Skyblue offered the best hill upon which to set the gears and the sails that would convert the wind to blessings.

The Skyblue folks delighted in the prospect although the grumblers of the Nimby Clan griped and muttered. Nevertheless Skyblue agreed to let the miller build and hoped that soon the whispering, dancing mill-sails would catch the breezes, turn its shaft, gears and stones to grind grain to the finest flour. The town glowed with festive expectation.

In the far off nether reaches, the Wicked Witch heard the Nimby Clan's grumbling and the people's glee. She pointed her twisted, green finger at her murky mirror where she viewed the miller's plans.

"This would never do," she cackled, "for if wind is used the Skyblue folks would no longer buy the bones, blood and breath of long dead dragons to burn in their machines. I could no longer suck the wealth from the town's folk, and foul their air and water."

She dispatched her flying monkeys, nazgûls and her fiendish ambassador, the troll called Nocebo to infect the brains of the humans so they would fear the windmills and babble nonsense against them.

She took special delight in the Nimby Clan, who of course didn't mind that the Wicked Witch turned tap water to flame, killed lakes, destroyed agriculture and increased earthquakes a hundred fold as she extracted sludge and slime from dragon's graves, as long as it happened not in my back yard, at least not yet.

Nocebo gathered toads, toadstools and snakes for use in Nocebo cookies, but the children proved too well informed. They actually liked the windmill and windmill cookies, but dreaded the evil ambassador and Nocebo cookies. Since the children proved too wise, Nocebo turned to the Nimby Clan with pitchers of

Nocebo Sangria. In no time, the very mention of the word "windmill" evoked symptoms of stress in the Nimby Clan. Their hands twitched with the urge to write dozens of complaint letters every day, even though the windmill had yet to operate.

With increasing boldness, the now enchanted Nimby Clan predicted that the windmill's sails would snare their beloved vampire bats, banshees and pterodactyls. Nevertheless, People for the Ethical Treatment of Vampire Bats, Banshees and Pterodactyls logged no injuries to these endangering species gliding above Skyblue.

The Nimbys claimed that since this windmill was larger than others, it would make more noise. Instead it whispered gently unlike its neighbors. They preached that real estate prices would drop in their neighborhood, but new houses started as did bidding wars on existing houses.

The Nimbys claimed that in winter the sails would fling daggers of ice, far and wide, slicing town's folks to the quick. This too has never happened. They said the turning sails would cast spells upon the carters and that their oxen would run amok. No vehicular accidents ever happened because of the windmill. They spread fear that the sounds of grinding stones would quake the earth and summon demons from the depths to enchant the students at their lessons. The kids still love the windmills and windmill cookies and have excelled in school. The other schools want their own windmills.

Nocebo urged the windmill workers to quit their jobs or their teeth and eyes would fall out and they would soon go mad, but none of these evils befell them. Nocebo urged the scribes, Ditto and Rehash to each write hundreds of letters against the windmill.

"Look." Nocebo said, "The households have suffered hundreds of health disorders caused by the windmill, we must tear it down."

But the miller asked, "Where are the medical records that demonstrate injury?"

Nocebo screamed, "You can't invade the privacy of these complainants or even know their true

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

February 27, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street,
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Contact Person: Charles K. Murphy, Sr.
Environmental Certifying Officer
Telephone: (508) 979-4023 Fax: (508) 979-4079
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 11, 2014, the Town of Fairhaven will submit a request to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 for the purpose of the following FY13 CDBG-Disaster Recovery project:

Demolition of McLean Seafood Building: This project will demolish the McLean's Seafood Building, a 5,400 SF vacant, deteriorated former food processing and storage structure located on Fairhaven's Union Wharf. It is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy (NEPA) requirements. Estimated cost: \$108,740. The project also involves construction oversight (exempt 24 CFR 58.34) and general administrative activities (exempt CFR 58.34). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Office of Planning & Economic Development, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and may be examined or copied between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fairhaven Selectmen's Office at the above address. All comments received by March 10, 2014 will be considered by the Town of Fairhaven prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: The Town of Fairhaven is certifying to the Commonwealth that Charles K. Murphy, Sr., in his capacity as the Environmental Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Commonwealth's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Fairhaven to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: The Commonwealth will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Fairhaven's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Fairhaven;
- The Town of Fairhaven has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58;
- The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Commonwealth; or
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Mass. Small Cities Program, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Signed: Charles K. Murphy, Sr.
Environmental Certifying Officer
Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street
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number, pre-existing conditions or vested interests."

The miller and his many workers and thousands of townspeople who benefited from the windmill rose against Nocebo's fear tactics, while the dozen or more who had drunk Nocebo Sangria marched like zombies toward the windmill, chanting and grinding their teeth.

Then out of the night rode the heroine Jeannine the Brave, waving

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dogs to the custody of the ACO, but she assured the board that she would take the dogs to a new home the next morning. The board explained that she needed to let Mr. Cripps know where the dogs were going so that he could contact the municipality.

First she said she had a plane ticket for the dogs, then she said she would take them away in a van.

"They don't belong in Fairhaven anymore. People in this town don't deserve them," said Ms. Staffon.

She then asked where the cameras were in the room and spoke directly into the lens, explaining that the Staffon Greenhouse property had not been hers for two years. She said the mess that she is being blamed for is the town's mess and the town should stop calling it the Staffon property.

In a follow up interview on Tuesday, Mr. Cripps said that Ms. Staffon would not answer her door, that he did not have custody of the dogs, and did not know where they were. He said the board was sending a certified letter to her demanding that she surrender the dogs or tell him where they were.

Ms. Staffon said on Tuesday that she had told Mr. Cripps where the dogs were and that he was "lying."

In another matter, the board met with veterans James Leal, Gerry Payette and George Brownell about placing a "Chair of Honor" in town hall to recognize soldiers who were prisoners of war or missing in action.

The group Rolling Thunder, Inc. (<http://www.rollingthunder1.com>), which advocates for POW/MIAs, started the concept. Freetown was the first town hall to install a chair.

The chair will be located in a prominent place and will always be empty, to signify that although the POW/MIAs are not here, there is a place for them.

"When I saw that, I said 'what a

the banner of sanity. She sprayed the poisoned Nimby throng with the antidote to Nocebo Sangria. The Nimbys reeled in confusion and finally came to their senses.

They slowly admitted, "We are not victims of the windmill, but of the Wicked Witch and her ambassador Nocebo. Hurray for Jeannine the Brave! Let her look over our health for many years to come."

Donald J. Mulcare, Fairhaven

great idea, I wish it was mine," said Mr. Leal.

Mr. Brownell reminded everyone that more than 200 Americans were left on "Pork Chop Hill" in Korea, the hill Mr. Leal survived; more than 1800 were missing or not able to be recovered from Vietnam.

"We left a lot of territory in North Korea and Vietnam that we can't go back to," said Mr. Brownell.

All three board members supported the idea. Mr. Leal said the veterans would pay for the chair. All the town had to do was find a place for it.

In other business, the board voted to accept a gift of an upweller, which would grow quahogs from seed, from the Northeast Maritime Institute. NMI wants to use the upweller for some of its classes. The older unit will need some parts and work before it can be used.

"It's not an attractive looking thing," said Seth Garfield of NMI. "But it's functional."

He told the board that the quahogs would go back into town waters.

Shellfish Warden Timoth Cox supported accepting the upweller. He said there would be many educational opportunities with Fairhaven students. The money to fix it will come from the Natural Resources Department budget.

Mr. Cox also told the board that he had applied for a grant from Bouchard Oil Spill money for a new upweller.

The units will be set up at Hoppy's Landing, where there is electricity and town water.

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"Just a few years ago..we had 100 percent compliance," said Ms. Fowle. "And it's heartbreaking."

She said people lost their jobs as a result of selling to the minor.

"It's so sad," she said.

Ms. Fowle said it was important to "safeguard against youth getting started" on smoking.

Businesses that sell to minors face a \$100 fine for the first offense, a fine and loss of license for 7 days for the second offense, a fine and loss of license for 30 days for the third offense, and then a permanent loss of license after that, if cited with an a 36-month period.

The businesses that sold to the minor were Little Bay, the Cumberland Farms on Main Street, Valero and Premium Liquors.

The board also briefly discussed the possibility of drafting regulations around Registered Marijuana Dispensaries. Other municipalities have drafted their own regulations on top of the state requirements. The board requested that Ms. Fowle provide them with more information on the kinds of regulations other local boards of health have drafted. They

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fighting for what you
want to be tomorrow.

Fernanda Miramontes-Landeros

will discuss it at a future meeting.

The board also looked over a proposal by Stop & Shop to add a food pick-up area outside the west entrance to the store for its PeaPod service. S&S currently delivers to homes through PeaPod. This would create another option for shoppers, who would be able to call in their order and pick it up at the store.

The board voted to approve with the condition that the bench that people use to wait for the bus be moved and that smoking be prohibited from the area as food will be stored there, and that employees be given another area to smoke.

The board also responded to a letter from Beth Luey, asking if the Department of Environmental Protection is going to test the soil in residential yards near the Fairhaven Shipyards. Ms. Fowle said she was hoping to get something in writing in the next couple of weeks.

Pick battles big enough
to matter, small enough
to win.

Jonathan Kozel

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/27, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 3/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 3/11, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Planning Board

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

Selectboard

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

Wed., 3/5, Town hall, 5:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Bob Espindola/Selectboard

Tues., 3/4, Town Hall (DATE CHANGE)
6:30-8:30 p.m., first hour: cribbage

Geoffrey Haworth/Selectboard

Wed., 2/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectboard

Mon., 3/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

TIDE TABLE

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

	Feb. 2014	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	27	0558	1823	1155*	----
Friday	28	0646	1911	0011*	1245*
	Mar. 2014	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Saturday	1	0735	2000	0108*	1336*
Sunday	2	0824	2050	0205*	1423*
Monday	3	0912	2138	0252*	1502*
Tuesday	4	1000	2226	0330*	1537*
Wednesday	5	1048	2316	0405*	1611*
Thursday	6	1141	----	0443	1649
Friday	7	0011	1236	0530	1736
Saturday	8	0105	1330	0657	1844
Sunday	9	0158	1525	1052	2300

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Hollywood Scoop is fun place for the whole family

Press Release

The Hollywood Scoop, located at 7 Howland Road in Fairhaven is a unique and fun dining experience. We are veteran owned and operated. Different than any other restaurant in our area, we are a themed restaurant that offers a six-page menu with items named after actors, actresses, movies, or television shows with fun movie trivia throughout!

Our guests enter the establishment by walking the red carpet and may seat themselves at a table where they can easily view the screen, which plays the movie of the day!

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We are known for affordable, fun, friendly dining, have free wifi for our customers and do movie trivia and have fun every day! We do a celebrity of the day which is customer appreciation and one lucky customer is chosen and given a FREE dessert just for being great!

We are very involved in the community and are always looking to assist groups in raising necessary funds and making their cause known to the community.

We have hosted fundraisers for All Star Cheerleaders, Dance Teams; Miss Massachusetts Junior High School held her pledge against bullying at our restaurant; South Coast Children's Choir will be hosting their fundraiser on March 1, and there's so much more.

Fairhaven Senior Social Day celebrates the holidays



Valentine's Kings and Queens

Fairhaven Senior Social Day celebrated Valentine's Day with a dance and the Crowning of the Royal Court. Kings were Henry O., Alfred "Jr." C. and William M. Queens were Grace G., Linda C. and Muriel D.

Our celebration ended with Homemade Strawberry Shortcake & Strawberry Smoothies.

Submitted photo.

Chinese New Year

The evening preceding Chinese New Year's Day is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. Staff and volunteers from Fairhaven's Senior Social Day dressed in costume and prepared a meal of chow mein, fried rice and fortune cookies for their clients in honor the Chinese New Year Celebration.

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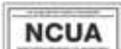
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