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Time capsule cabinet unveiled



Bicentennial Committee members pose in front of the newly engraved cabinet that the time capsule rests on in Town Hall on Feb. 22, 2013, Fairhaven's 201st birthday. The time capsule had been sealed, but committee members added a few items to the cabinet below, which will also be opened in 2062, the town's 250th birthday. Picture L-R, front row: John Medeiros and Martha Crowley. Back row, L-R: Larry Roy, Natalie Hemingway, Wayne Oliveira, Sheila McKenna, Ethel Frates, Kerrie Berrer, Vicki Paquette. See story on page 12. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events.



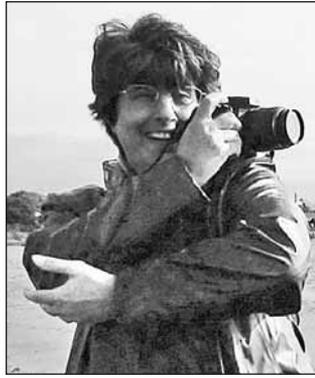
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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Yucky weather out there, folks, but we've been spared the snow this time, just dismal rain. Not sure which I prefer. I guess while I'm shoveling, I'm wishing we had rain; when I'm just watching from a cozy room with a big window, I prefer the snow.

I think we could use another small snowstorm or two, though before the season's out. I never did get to the other side of the island during the other storms. They were just too big. By the time I got finished digging out, I had no energy left to traipse in the woods.

On the other hand, I'd also be very happy to welcome motorcycle weather any time it's ready to show up.

That's our New England, though, isn't it? We have it all; unfortunately, we often have it all... all at once.

We've got some great meeting coverage for you this week. See page 4 for Finance Committee...the saga continues. See page 22 for Planning Board, and page 16 for Conservation.

We have a new writer starting this week. Truddi Clark will be covering School Committee for us. See page 20 for her debut article. If you see her around town, be sure to give her a big hello and let her know how much you love the Neighb News (or not).

Acushnet town meeting voted to okay the spending for the new library/community center project. Now it has to go before the whole town in a vote on April 1. See page 13 for that.

I'm just getting to know the characters who populate our neighbor to the north. I've got to say, they're every bit as much fun as their Fairhaven counterparts.

I love town meeting, it brings out all the best and most colorful characters and gives them all a soapbox to stand on.

What a country!

Our cover story is a fun one. The bicentennial year has officially ended (see page 12). On February 22 the committee closed out the festivities by putting some items in the cabinet that the time capsule sits on. The capsule itself has been sealed, so the additional items went into the cabinet which will also be opened in 2062, the town's 250th anniversary.

The political season is starting to heat up. We have ads and letters to the editor and all kinds of fun stuff coming up in the next few issues.

If you're a candidate, you'd better get your statement and picture to us by March 1 or you'll be left out in the cold. See page 3 for details.

Well, looks like that's it for this week. I'm on schedule for once, and what a glorious feeling it is.

Wow.

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Until next week then, see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Mike's Restaurant burglarized



Fairhaven police are asking for the public's help in identifying a suspect who broke into Mike's Restaurant on Route 6 in Fairhaven on February 17. Police believe the suspect gained entry from a broken window. When they arrived at the building, they found more than one set of footprints in the snow. Nothing was reported missing. These photos were taken from surveillance video at the restaurant. Anyone with information is asked to call Fairhaven Police Detectives, 508-997-7421.

LAST CHANCE FOR 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.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

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FinCom crunches numbers with Building Dept. & Rec Center

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Chairperson of the Fairhaven Finance Committee John Roderiques sat back for a little while and let the two co-chairpersons “get their feet wet” and run the 2/21 meeting during budget appointments with the Building Department and the Recreation Department. Mr. Roderiques kept his soapbox handy, however, and remained poised to intervene during moments of confusion among committee members and department heads, and to pounce on the executive secretary to the Selectboard once or twice.

Trepidation persisted over the Selectboard’s reluctance to adopt one of the three projected revenue scenarios for FY13, which Mr. Roderiques pointed out is keeping FinCom from moving forward in the budget process.

It is already February 21, said Mr. Roderiques, and although he said it does not take a rocket scientist to predict that the actual revenue will fall somewhere between the most conservative and the maximum revenue projection numbers, “Apparently, it does take a rocket scientist to figure out what the administration is going to do,” he said.

In the meantime, Mr. Roderiques told committee members they were on their own putting together a budget, because the Selectboard’s next scheduled meeting is not until 3/5.

Mr. Roderiques was not pleased by Building Inspector Wayne Fostin’s presented budget, which was revised since he first submitted the budget weeks ago. Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch expressed that he too was not pleased, saying to Mr. Fostin, “I wish you had told me.”

Removing his hand from in front of his mouth and sitting forward, Mr. Roderiques said, “This appears to be a problem ... This is something that should be thought out before the budgets are submitted...not after.”

Mr. Fostin said he will probably submit another revised budget adding \$10,000 to the inspection budget.

Jumping on his soapbox, Mr. Roderiques told Mr. Fostin he should have seen by the current trend in inspection increases and factored it

into his FY14 budget.

“This is part of the whole problem,” said Mr. Roderiques. “These figures didn’t all jump up in January.”

The building inspector also informed the committee of a possible reserve fund transfer request for a likely \$17,000 shortfall in the inspection line item for FY13 because of an increase in multi-family home safety inspections.

FinCom Co-Chair Scott Fernandes facilitated Mr. Fostin’s presentation of his FY14 budget, which was level-funded for the most part, in areas such as purchases of services and gasoline.

“Just before you go,” Mr. Roderiques said to Mr. Fostin, “I will certainly look at any revised budget.”

He pointed out, though, that just because Mr. Fostin resubmits another budget, doesn’t mean he will get what he is requesting.

Recreation Director Warren Rensehausen’s appointment was facilitated by Co-Chairperson Sid Martin, which lasted only a few minutes before Mr. Roderiques burst out in anger and annoyance at Mr. Osuch when he interrupted the meeting to make a point.

It started when Mr. Roderiques cut into the conversation to ask Mr. Rensehausen if he included the 1% pay increase in his salary budget line.

Mr. Osuch then interjected to point out that the 1% pay increase that is set to take effect on 6/30 will actually take effect for most employees on 7/1 because 6/30 is a Sunday.

Mr. Roderiques blurted out, “You know what Jeffrey? Please!” He continued, “For the love of God!”

Mr. Roderiques scolded Mr. Osuch vociferously over another one of his “little points” Mr. Roderiques said Mr. Osuch continues to try and make. He said he would fight Mr. Osuch “tooth for tooth” adding that he knew who was going to win the argument in the end. Mr. Osuch sat looking ahead without moving.

“This is ridiculous,” said Mr. Roderiques. “You’re trying to make a point. You lost.”

At that, Mr. Roderiques sat back as Mr. Fernandes continued with Mr. Rensehausen’s budget for the Fairhaven Recreation Center.

Mr. Rensehausen said he wanted to purchase a new treadmill and elliptical machine for the Rec Center at a cost of \$9,500 to replace the two oldest machines at the center. Leasing the two machines would cost \$293 per month, as opposed to continuing to pay for repairs to the machines that are about ten years old.

Membership is up 2-3% to 952 members since Mr. Rensehausen started. The Center brings in about

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Committee to Elect

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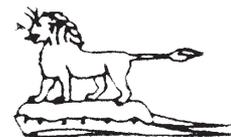
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Chowdah!

The Fairhaven Varsity Club is holding a chowder and clamcake dinner on **March 8 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the club, 9 Adams St., Fairhaven.** Partially accessible. Tickets: **\$8 donation**, available at the door or from any club member. For information, contact Pat Souza, 774-263-6741.

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

FBA meeting Meet the Selectboard Candidates

Fairhaven Business Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5 at Art On Center, 15 Center Street, Fairhaven.** The meeting will begin with selectmen candidates meet/greet/presentations with Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Haworth from 4:00PM-5:30PM. The business portion of the annual meeting is scheduled for 5:30PM-6:30PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP 774-328-8655.

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

"Art of Fairhaven" Exhibition at Art on Center

Fairhaven's grand historic past is the theme of a new exhibition at Art on Center, featuring artwork in many media as well as a display of

historical photographs. Come venture into the rich history of Fairhaven's development as a major seafaring port and center of industry.

Artists have been invited to interpret the town's historic sites and structures in a variety of media including watercolor, oil, charcoal, pastel and more. A selection of photographs, many from the archives of the Millicent Library, show what life was like in Fairhaven many decades ago. Included are horse-drawn carriages, men in bowlers, whaling ships and wharfs, and various buildings important to town life — some no longer standing. The public is invited to the opening reception on **Sunday, March 3rd from 2 to 4 p.m.** Awards for "Best in Show" and "People's Choice" will be presented at the reception. The exhibit will remain on display at Art on Center throughout March.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Art on Center is a nonprofit art organization located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven, Mass. For more information contact the center at 774-206-1709 or info@artoncenter.org

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

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

Winnett makes Dean's List

Meredith A. Winnett, daughter of Scott and Heidi Winnett of Fairhaven Mass., received academic honors at Westfield State University by making the University's Dean's List for the spring semester 2013.

A Junior at Westfield State University, Winnett is majoring in journalism.

Westfield State University's Dean List recognizes the achievement of undergraduates semester by semester. To receive Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12 hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0(C), and have no incomplete grades.

Editor's note: When she is not in school, Meredith writes for the Neighbor News.

Candidates night

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be holding a **candidates' night at Hastings Middle School on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Accessible.** All candidates for public office in the next town election are invited to participate.

Anyone who would like to have a question(s) asked of a specific candidate should mail it to: N.F.I.A Candidates' Night, P.O. 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Letters should be mailed well in advance, but can also be submitted in writing and taken directly to the event. Be sure to specify which race/candidate the question is directed to. Questions will be asked by media panelists.

All questions submitted will remain sealed and given directly to the media panel. This event will be broadcast live on cable access television, channel 18, and repeated periodically prior to the election.

Scholarship Opps

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is accepting applications for The Rose L. Murphy \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to area high school or college students who are pursuing a degree in conservation, landscape architecture, horticulture or environmental sciences and related fields.

Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Massachusetts for one year or more prior to June 1 of their graduating year and must have enrolled at the college of their choice and begin studies no later than Feb. 1, 2014. Students are encouraged to apply and can be assured that full consideration will be given to each application.

Applications must be received by May 1 and can be obtained from Doris Polycarpo, 508-997-4703, 521 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Douglass Read-A-Thon

The New Bedford Historical Society's Thirteenth Annual Frederick Douglass Community Read-a-Thon, originally scheduled for February 10 and postponed because of the blizzard, has been rescheduled for **Sunday, March 3rd from 2-6 p.m.** at the Friends Meeting House, 83 Spring Street, New Bedford, corner of Spring and Seventh Street.

Nitrogen Workshop

The problems of nitrogen pollution are becoming all too familiar for communities across Southeastern Massachusetts. Coastal waters are clogged with algae each summer, threatening tourism, fisheries, and the quality of life of the region's residents. Communities are looking for practical, cost-effective solutions as they work to meet nitrogen reduction targets.

To help local cities and towns take action to reduce nitrogen pollution, the Buzzards Bay Coalition is hosting a **free workshop on Wednesday, March 6 in New Bedford.** The workshop will provide attendees with solutions to the region's main source of nitrogen pollution: wastewater. The workshop will highlight innovative solutions to wastewater for homes, towns and neighborhoods.

For homeowners, George Heufelder, director of the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center, will discuss innovative septic system technology designed to minimize nitrogen flowing into groundwater and then to the Bay.

For municipal sewer systems, Amy Lowell, wastewater operator from the town of Falmouth, will outline the performance of the town's wastewater plant at reducing nitrogen concentrations. The facility was upgraded in 2005 leading to a greater than 75 percent reduction in the amount of nitrogen flowing into West Falmouth Harbor.

Finally, a third solution, neighborhood-sized treatment plants, will be investigated by Jeffery Osuch from the town of Fairhaven who will profile the wastewater treatment plant that serves the West Island community.

The March 6 workshop is the first of three Decision Makers Workshops the Bay Coalition will host this spring. A workshop on Wednesday, March 20 in East Wareham will outline solutions for reducing nitrogen from stormwater, agriculture, and landscaping. The third workshop, on Wednesday, April 3 in Bourne, will provide solutions for planning and funding a cost-effective cleanup.

Decision Makers Workshops are appropriate for anybody looking for solutions to reduce nitrogen pollution, but is particularly beneficial for town officials and staff, as well as community members and businesses with a concern for clean water. The March 6 workshop is approved for Training Contact Hours for wastewater treatment plant operators and septic system installers.

To register, contact Rob Hancock at Hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508.999.6363 x222.

For more information about the Decision Makers Workshop series, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/DecisionMakers.

Bowl For Kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Child & Family Services' 9th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake will be held on **Sunday, March 10 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, at**

Wonder Bowl in New Bedford.

This is a great event for family, friends, coworkers, and people of all ages to get together for a fun afternoon of bowling to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

For more information, contact Deanna Bodeau at (508) 990-0894 or visit www.child-familyservices.org/whats-happening.

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, Mattapoisett, 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 sign-ups. Any questions feel free to contact Jared Dallaire, 508-985-3951.

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. Accessible.

A new exhibit, titled **"The Art of Ship Models"** which he co-curates with Judith Lund, premieres at 6:00 p.m. for members in the Rinehart Gallery, located on the main level of the museum. The exhibit **opens to the public on March 1.**

Upcoming programs:

March 7: "An Evening with Dyer Jones." **April 4:** "Ray Hunt and His Designs" with John Deknatel and Winn Willard. **April 18:** "The Charles W. Morgan and Our Yankee Whaleboat Project" with Quentin Snediker and Bill Womack. **May 2:** "Volvo Ocean Race" with Ken Read.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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

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.

For Information & Reservations call: 1-508 596-9221.

Volunteer meeting

The Westport River Watershed Alliance is celebrating Rivers Month and the summer solstice in June and we need volunteers. WRWA invites you to attend a volunteer meeting at the Watershed Alliance's office located at **1151 Main Rd. in Westport on Saturday, March 2nd from 9am to 10:30am.**

On Saturday, June 8th volunteers are needed for the first Watershed Bike Ride with registration and ride-related tasks. On Saturday, June 22nd WRWA is hosting its annual River Day Festival at the Head Landing and volunteers are needed for set-up and take-down, children's activities that include fish printing, stilt building, mini boat building, and food. Volunteers are also needed to help with registration for the non-competitive family paddle that leaves from the Hix Bridge

Both events offer volunteers a fun-filled day and the reward of supporting an organization whose mission is to protect the natural resources of the river and watershed.

Volunteer Open House

Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) is welcoming new volunteers to learn about opportunities in trail work, outreach and special events. Volunteers are what make this Dartmouth land trust so successful. They help keep the reserves looking great, contribute to popular special events, and help inform the community about our successful conservation work. Moreover, DNRT volunteers create lasting friendships and get the satisfaction of having worked to preserve the beauty of Dartmouth for this and future generations.

DNRT is having an Open House for new and prospective volunteers at our office on **Monday, March 4, 2013, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.** The office is located at **404 Elm Street in**

Padanaram village, Dartmouth.

Volunteer opportunities are in three main areas: trail work (primarily October through May) and land stewardship, events such as walks and the "Barn Bash" square dance (in late August) and outreach activities like representing DNRT at the Padanaram farmer's market. There are many more opportunities for people who want to help preserve the local environment and who love the outdoors.

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).

Food Security Seminar

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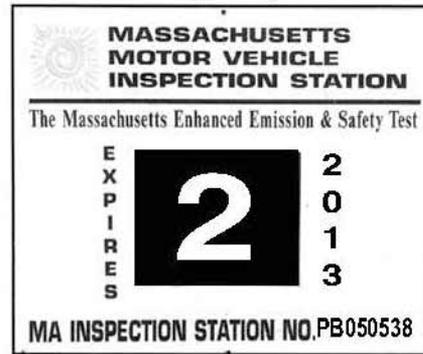
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- 2T Dijon mustard
- 1/2 t dried minced garlic
- 6 Salmon fillets (about 5 oz)

In a small bowl, combine the oil, soy sauce, mustard and garlic. Pour half of the marinade into a large resealable plastic bag. Add the salmon; seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate For 30 minutes. Refrigerate the remaining marinade.

Drain fish and discard marinade. Moisten a paper towel with cooking oil to coat grill rack. Grill salmon, covered, over high heat 5-10 minutes or until fish flakes. Heat and drizzle with reserved marinade. Garnish with chopped green onion.

When not grilling with outside grill use your grill pan (I use the pampered chef one).

Enjoy!! Bevy Lussier

Pauline Parker gets Scouting award

Recently at the Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner for the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America, local scouter Pauline Parker of Troop and Pack 52 became the newest recipient of the Silver Beaver Award: the highest award a Council can bestow upon an adult volunteer for service to Scouting.

Ms. Parker's career in scouting started in 1999 when her son Mike joined the pack as a Tiger Cub. She has held the positions of Committee Chair, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Southeast Service Area Community Commissioner, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Spring Into Scouting Event Coordinator and currently Pack Trainer for Pack 52. Pauline and her husband, Barry, have continued to serve Troop 52 and Pack 52 sponsored by St. Mary's Parish in

Fairhaven.

"The Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner will give our fellow Scouters a chance to honor you, but let me be among the first to say 'thank you' for your service to our youth, and let you know I appreciate the time you have given our Scouting Movement," said Scout Executive John Mosby. "You have a choice as to where you give of your time, treasure and talent, and so I want you to know I appreciate that you have selected scouting for your involvement."



Pauline Parker is flanked by her husband Barry (left) and Jules Cohen who presented Ms. Parker with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a Scouting council can bestow upon an adult for volunteer service. Photo courtesy of the Narragansett Council. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Time capsule cabinet engraved, items added

By Beth David
Editor

The time capsule that was sealed 12/8/12 is still sealed, but a few last items got added to the cabinet it sits on at Fairhaven town hall on Feb. 22, 2013, the 201st birthday of the town. The sealed capsule and cabinet will not be opened now until 2062, the town's 250th birthday.

Members of the bicentennial committee and the public gathered to listen to one last proclamation by the Selectboard about the bicentennial celebrations, which took place all last year starting on 2/22.

The newly engraved cabinet was unveiled by Keith and Danny Silvia, of Keith Silvia construction, who did the

work.

Added to the cabinet were a three-ring binder with information on all the bicentennial activities of the last year, a proclamation by the selectboard, and the poster that was used to promote the bicentennial parade.

The committee also removed the picture of the Brothers of the Brush from 1962, added the 2012 picture to the frame and re-hung it in the banquet room.

Committee members and the public then enjoyed sweets and coffee courtesy of Emma Jean's, Tropical Smoothie, the Hampton Inn, and Stop & Shop.

Larry Roy got big applause for his work on the big parade.

"Fairhaven has never seen a parade like that and likely never will," said Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock.

Bicentennial Committee chairperson Wayne Oliveira thanked the committee and especially the town hall employees. He said they were always willing to accommodate the committee throughout the year.

The time capsule is scheduled to be opened on Feb. 22, 2062, the 250th anniversary of the town's incorporation. For more information on Fairhaven's history, visit the Office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com/> or call 508-979-4085.



TOP: Danny & Keith Silvia unveil their handiwork on Friday, 2/22/13, the carved cabinet that the time capsule rests on in Fairhaven Town Hall. The time capsule and cabinet will be opened on Feb. 22, 2062, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of Fairhaven's incorporation. RIGHT: Larry Roy holds up a poster promoting the Bicentennial parade last July. It was placed in the cabinet, along with a few other items that didn't make it into the sealed time capsule for various reasons. BELOW LEFT: Bicentennial chairperson Wayne Oliveira addresses the crowd behind the newly unveiled cabinet. RIGHT: the crowd that gathered for the event in the entryway of Fairhaven Town Hall on Friday, 2/22/13. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com.



Acushnet TM okays library project, will go to voters next

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting voted to advance the Library/Community Center project to the next step: a townwide vote on April 1. In overwhelming support for the measure, only those in favor spoke at town meeting, held on Monday, 2/25, after being postponed from 2/22, due to the blizzard. The vote was a resounding 190–23 in favor.

The next step is to convince Acushnet voters to support the borrowing, which will require a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion.

“We are just overwhelmed by the support we got tonight,” said Community Center co-director Nancy Francis after the vote. “We’re so pleased with the people who turned out tonight.”

The \$6,382,000 project will be offset by a state library construction grant of \$3,189,536 and \$238,357 in private funding from the library trust and the library friends group, bringing the town’s share to \$2,934,107, or 46% of the projected cost.

“The library is not meeting community needs very well,” Kristen Leotti, chairperson of the library trustees told town meeting.

Several people spoke to town meeting to describe the crowded conditions and the lack of a dedicated children’s area. The library has only one small table for all activities.

Ms. Leotti said that 15,000 people use the library each year, with 1,700 attending programs. The community center has 5,000 users per year. The library has seen a 50% increase in patrons in the last year. The current library building is also not wheelchair accessible. The new building would be fully compliant with the American with Disabilities Act.

“Our community has definitely



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outgrown this facility,” said Ms. Leotti. “All Acushnet residents should be able to use their library.”

Ms. Francis told town meeting that the center will close in June when its lease is up for renewal.

She said the community center offers programs that are unique in town. The monthly dances for middle schoolers are especially important. It offers them a chance to socialize outside school.

Ms. Francis said children learn too much about socializing from TV and the Internet.

“And we all know how inappropriate that can be,” she said.

Ms. Francis also offers math tutoring at the center. She said many adults have started taking advantage of the free service as the economy has changed and they need to change careers. Girl Scouts and Acushnet Cablevision also use the building.

“It may not seem a big deal, but for those 5,000 people who use the center...we are a big part of their lives,” said Ms. Francis, adding especially the students who attend the dances.

Ms. Francis said the new combined library and community center would be a place where families can go together. It would offer something for all age groups in the same place.

Karen Guenette told TM that she donates to the community center every year in honor of her nephew who died when he was only 21. She said her annual donation only covers a “fraction” of the heating bill. She said she had to use the Lakeville library when she was studying for a degree, and although she holds the Russell Memorial Library “near and dear” to her heart, that it was not meeting the needs of college students.

“Acushnet needs place where all residents can go,” said Ms. Guenette.

Kathleen Meunier told TM that she needs to work in a public place when she tutors students and that the library simply did not have a place for her to use. A teacher at the middle school, Ms. Meunier recommends the library to her students, but the current facilities are not adequate.

She said it “would be nice” if her young cousin had a children’s section to explore books, “At the same time, it would be nice to have a library where I could go as an adult, without



ABOVE: Kristen Leotti, Chairperson of the library trustees, addresses Acushnet town meeting on Monday, 2/25, to make the case for a new library. BELOW: Leo Rousseau, former selectboard member and founding member of the community center, weaves a tale of gong shows and dedicated volunteers to convince town meeting members to vote to keep the community center open. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

the children’s section surrounding the computers and the circulation desk.”

“We are all temporary people making permanent decisions,” said Selectboard member Les Dakin. “Let history record that the people here today were wise enough to take \$3.1 million from the state.”

Former selectboard member Leo Rousseau waxed nostalgic about the community center and what it took to get it open in 1997 (“It wasn’t easy”) and keep it open, including the annual “gong show” fund-raisers.

He extolled the virtues of the small town of Acushnet, “The future looks very bright for all of us. We’ve got a lot of stuff going for us....People are living the good life.”

In addition to talking about the importance of the dances and the community center, Mr. Rousseau admitted that he did not know anything about the library, adding that he thought no one was ever in it because no one was there when he drove by.

“I used to go by at 9 a.m. They only open at 10,” he said, adding more seriously that the dances he attended as a youngster were very important to him and he would hate to see them stop.

“I do love Acushnet,” said Mr. Rousseau. “It’s the best town in the United States. It’s got the best people

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ConCom: Truck spilled toxic fluids into the Nasketucket River

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

An Emergency Certificate granted by the Fairhaven Conservation Commission on 2/25 will allow for the expedited clean-up of a toxic spill into the Nasketucket River, the result of a tow truck that slid off the road during the 2/8 blizzard.

The tow truck crashed into the east bank off the north side of Mill Road, spilling engine oil and transmission fluid into the bank. The Fairhaven Fire Department responded to the incident and a crane was used to remove the tow truck from the river, according to ConCom Member Andy Jones in a follow-up interview.

Mr. Jones, who arrived at the scene on a work-related assignment to assess the environmental impact, recused himself from the vote to approve the Emergency Certificate, but remained in the room to answer questions for the commission regarding the incident.

The clean-up will consist of the removal of up to about 10 cubic yards of soil from the river bank, but Mr. Jones stated that once they start testing the soil, they could discover that the oil and transmission fluid might have penetrated deeper than the estimated five-by-five square feet of soil.

Also at the meeting, ConCom voted to continue the request for a modification to an existing Order of Conditions for N&T Realty Trust Fatima Cardoso of Plot 23 Lot 175H on Alden Road in order to conduct a site-visit. The applicant plans to build a house that will sit just over 15 feet from a stream that feeds into a pond.

The commission, concerned about the close proximity to the stream,

seriously considered requiring permanent markers at least 15 feet from the stream as a visible reminder to future buyers of the property that no vegetation be removed from the area. The house being built is intended to be sold by the owner.

Ideas for markers included boulders and possibly a reel fence.

"When you put up a reel fence, it's a joke," said Jane Howland, of Howland Greenhouses on 240 Alden Road.

Ms. Howland told the commission that the stream is actually registered as part of the East Coggeshall River. Her concern was that future owners would violate the Order of Conditions and spoil the wetlands for everyone else.

"If people don't follow it, that's their problem," Mr. Jones told her. "They'll get an Enforcement Order."

Ms. Howland stated that she often sees children playing in the stream and she was not certain that it could be prevented, even by a fence.

ConCom Member Cora Peirce stated that she had no problem with children playing in the stream and that was not a big deal.

"As long as they don't hurt me," said Ms. Howland, "I ain't hurting them."

Restoration to the stream alongside the Alden Road property has already taken place in the past and completed in 2012.

Rich Charon of Charon Associates, Inc. explained that the proposal presented that evening was the same proposal that was presented to ConCom back in 2005. The only change was the alteration of the wetland line, which brought the wetlands closer to the construction

zone. Mr. Charon said the construction was halted for several years due to financial issues.

"It looks good on paper," said Mr. Jones, "but that 'no cutting of vegetation' isn't going to fly without permanent marking."

Mr. Jones commented that the commission has had bad luck with people adhering to those kinds of requests.

An on-site was scheduled for 3/24 and the hearing continued until 3/25.

Jerry Bettencourt, owner of Jerry's Auto Service, received approval for a permanent fabric storage building on one of the adjacent lots he owns on Middle Street. The structure had been used seasonally in the past, and has now been approved as a permanent structure.

The commission motioned for Negative 2, no impact to surrounding wetlands, and approved it unanimously.

The hearing for Gregory and Margaret Kulpinski of Goulart Memorial Drive was continued until 3/25 to allow for an on-site visit. The previously scheduled on-site was canceled due to snow.

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on 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

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 25, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant David & Sandra Teves location 3 Judson Drive Plot 31A Lot 3A purpose grading within the 100' buffer zone to BVW

*Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

ACUSH: cont'd from page 13 in the United States....maybe you love Acushnet a little, too," he concluded, drawing loud applause from residents.

Karen Camire also addressed town meeting, saying she had been a patron of the library for 19 years. She said the facility needed separate spaces for teens and young children and a table "for all to use."

"A library should be a place that patrons go in, take their time, look around, then choose...take a seat and go through them leisurely," said Ms. Camire, adding that the proposal "Is a

good investment for town residents and future generations."

"I'm a little bit embarrassed by that facility," said a matter-of-fact Leo Coons, and asked for it to be put to a vote.

In other business, town meeting voted to amend the Community Preservation Act to exempt people who are low or moderate income. The amendment will also exempt the first \$100,000 for commercial properties, an exemption that is already in place for residential properties.

Selectboard member David Wojnar told town meeting that the measure was designed to lessen the burden on taxpayers in the event that the library/community center project passed. The measure will now have to go in front of voters townwide.

In another measure to lessen the burden from new building projects, article 4 also passed. It will establish a Special Capital Fund from solar farm taxes. The fund will be used for capital expenditures, such as the new police station and the new library.

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Letters from our readers

New Fairhaven Bylaw Not so Tough

The Chairman of the Planning Board, Wayne Hayward, likes to say that his proposal for a new bylaw restricting turbines will be the toughest in Massachusetts. Since there are almost no bylaws restricting industrial turbines in the state, it's not much of a boast. It's as if he claimed he was the toughest guy in Munchkin Land; possibly true, but not terribly impressive.

This new proposal is based on the so-called model zoning bylaw published by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), chaired by Mark Sylvia. The sole purpose of the DOER is to promote Governor Deval Patrick's reckless and misguided program for carpeting neighborhoods with toxic wind turbines. The DOER is the same group that promoted Biomass.

Not surprisingly, there is not a single mention of human health in this "model." (It is online if you care to see for yourself.) Apparently, neither the good Governor, nor Mark Sylvia, thought the health of residents was an important consideration when siting industrial power generators.

Hayward held a meeting for public comment [on 2/12]. Ann Richard was the only person at the meeting who spoke in favor of relaxing zoning restrictions on turbines. But, she never once expressed the slightest concern for the health or safety of fellow residents who are forced to live near them. And, she simply ignored the repeated question from Hayward as to whether she would like to live near a 500-foot turbine herself. Can you see a pattern here?

According to the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB), "While the law states that any Board may intervene using this section of Chapter 111, there may be local or regional by-laws that require the Board [of Health] to sign off on certain building or zoning permits." Yet, when [Board of Health member] Dr. Aksen asked Hayward why he refused a meeting with the Board of Health to discuss his proposal, he claimed that the Board of Health has no business commenting on zoning laws. According to the MAHB, he is legally incorrect and wrong in principle. So much for open government.

Chairman of the Board of Health, Peter Deterra, sat in abject silence throughout the meeting, conspicuously abdicating his responsibility. That's just the way he rolls.

I have already predicted that Hayward's proposal will pass with flying colors at Town Meeting. The Planning Board is giving us a Hobson's choice: take it or leave it. You can stick with the absolute insanity of the existing bylaw, or vote for the merely ridiculous one that at least limits the size of the turbines to 650 Kw and 265-feet in height.

Will this new bylaw provide any real protection to residents? No. Does it require wind developers to post a bond to compensate residents for the health and property value damage they cause? No. Does this proposal force wind developers to have safe setbacks? No.

In fact, under Hayward's proposal, two of the maximum sized turbines could be placed less than 1100 feet from the Wood School — less than half the distance of the existing turbines. No problemo!

Would this new bylaw prevent a developer from putting five of these turbines on West Island's East Cove? Definitely not. Does it require round-the-clock monitoring of the audible sound or infrasound that these turbines produce? Not a chance. Or, automatic shutdown when limits are exceeded? Not at all. Does it limit the number of turbines that can be sited on a single 10-acre parcel to one? Nope. Does it prohibit turbines from residential neighborhoods? Not in the least.

Hayward's proposal does place lots of responsibility on the Board of Health to "review" matters. You can see how well Deterra has handled that responsibility so far. Apparently, Hayward does not understand that M.G.L Chapter 111 places as much responsibility on him as the Board of Health for protecting public health — or maybe he just doesn't care.

In the end, this bylaw may prove to be at least a slight improvement — but not for the reason you think. Wind turbine energy generation is so abysmally inefficient and costly that most developers are reluctant to put up a 650Kw turbine these days because they are so unproductive. You may be protected from all but the least savvy businessmen? After

Sumul Shah, does that make you feel safe?

Hayward felt the need to station not one, but two of Fairhaven's finest at the door for his "open" meeting. His reason for the muscle? "Anyone ordered to be removed by the Chairman or person presiding over the hearing, will be exited to the hallway." In other words, intimidation.

If he is that apprehensive about public hostility over a zoning law, maybe he should pause and consider why. Or, maybe he should start worrying as much about the public's safety as his own.

Curt Devlin, Fairhaven

Bowcock experience is what Fairhaven needs

I write this letter in support of Selectman Dr. Brian Bowcock. Dr. Bowcock has been involved with Fairhaven town government for over 25 years. There are many changes being proposed, some small, some rather important. I believe that Dr. Bowcock's experience and commitment to the people of Fairhaven is the kind of knowledge and experience we need as we contemplate some of the proposed changes.

Fairhaven is a wonderful community and there has been a team of local officials that have brought quality education and qualities of life to this community. Dr. Bowcock is one of those team members.

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School Committee discusses snow and budgets

By Truddi Clark

Neighb News Correspondent

At their meeting on 2/13, the Fairhaven School Committee (SC) discussed blizzard response and heard from a concerned parent regarding the lack of snow removal along Adams Street, making it dangerous for students walking the route. Diane Hahn, a candidate for SC, spoke during the public comment period and voiced her concerns about the snow.

She suggested alternatives to relying on property owners to clear their sidewalks, such as students volunteering to shovel as part of their required public service hours, and the public works department focusing on this danger zone to make their traveling safer.

The committee said it will consider her recommendations.

In another snow related matter Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin explained misunderstandings regarding opening of the middle school as a shelter during the blizzard.

He said he opened the school at 11 p.m. on Friday, when he was called by other town officials. He said the Emergency Management Agency was at the shelter, and a custodian did

arrive. Dr. Baldwin also questioned if the hurricane preparedness plan is appropriate for winter storms.

In another matter, David Kenney, Director of Special Education, explained the Circuit Breaker Program and its value to special needs students.

The circuit breaker program allows the district to set aside money for special needs programs, including any out-of-district costs for students.

According to SC chairperson Pam Kuechler in a follow-up interview, the district is reimbursed 75% by the state. The money shows up in the following budget, so it fluctuates. The Department of Revenue recommends that districts keep some extra money in the account to accommodate the unexpected costs associated special needs costs.

She said foster children are an example of students who may move around and will need to be transported to the district.

SC member Brian Monroe said at the meeting that he would like the public to understand more of how the program works.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Monroe said he just "wanted to make sure we do a good job of getting information out about all the

unfunded mandates we have."

He said, for example, the K-12 transportation budget for all students is less than it is for special needs students.

The committee also discussed the FY14 budget, with Ms. Kuechler telling the committee that the district asked "what we need for our students" and the town needs to decide where the investment is it wants to make.

In a follow up interview, Ms. Kuechler explained that although the net school spending for the district was 8.8% above required for FY011, it was still \$2,000 less than the state average per pupil.

Net School Spending is the amount the state requires each school district to spend per student.

The board also learned from Dr. Baldwin that the new Wood School is 95% enclosed, and is on schedule to open next fall.

The board announced that the Fairhaven High School drama club will perform South Pacific, March 14-17.

The committee reconvened in executive session to discuss the educator evaluation collective bargaining process.

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\$55,000 annually at the current membership rate, according to Mr. Rensehausen. The Recreation Center is scheduled to be on the BOS agenda for a possible membership rate hike in the near future.

FinCom Member Terry Szala asked Mr. Rensehausen what if only one machine can be bought. A new treadmill, he responded.

Mr. Roderiques chimed in and asked Mr. Rensehausen if he had records of revenue generated by programs year in and out, and requested that Mr. Rensehausen email him a breakdown of membership revenue and program revenue for the past five years.

"We have to come to grips with

what we're gonna do," said Mr. Roderiques, encouraging the committee to engage in a roundtable-style discussion before adjourning.

"What is going on in my mind is 'make cuts,'" said FinCom Member Pdraic Elliot.

Mr. Roderiques maintained that cuts will have to be made to roadwork once again, by at least half, or approximately \$350,000.

"Town Meeting is gonna be a mess," said Mr. Roderiques, "I'm telling you." He referred to it as a "Saturday night massacre" that is going to go down, suggesting that

Town Meeting might have to take place in multiple sessions in the future.

"In any of these [revenue projection] scenarios, you're maxing out the taxpayer," said Mr. Roderiques. "People expect something back for their money."

FinCom Member Kathy Carter commented, "It's not going to get any better unless we do something radically different."

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Pearl Buck

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his signature puns to ease the tension.

The board also discussed the new solar energy bylaw still in development, and voted to hold another working session on 3/12 with a public hearing on 3/26 to allow for public input.

Also at the meeting, the board approved the dwelling conversion into apartments for Carl Haines of 313 Huttleston Avenue, having met all the

requirements for approval by the Planning Board. Mr. Hayward said Mr. Haines was one of the very few people who have met the requirements. Conditions include tying into the sewer system and converting Mr. Haines's contiguous lots into one lot for zoning purposes.

The hearing for BayCoast Bank of 75 Alden Road was continued until the Zoning Board of Appeals grants a variance for a setback shortcoming.

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Board of Appeals

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

Board of Health

Thurs., 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Boat Ramps comm

Mon. 3/4, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Commission on Disability

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/25, 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., 3/12, 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.

Acushnet Meetings

Alternative Energy Comm

Wed., 3/6, Town Hall, 2:15 p.m.

Finance Committee

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

Selectboard

Mon., 3/11, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday	6	0236	1505	0917	2054
Thursday	7	0345	1612	1019	2212*
Friday	8	0449	1713	1108*	2313*
Saturday	9	0546	1807	1150*	----
Sunday	10	0737	1956	0005*	1327*
Monday	11	0824	2042	0151*	1403*
Tuesday	12	0908	2126	0233*	1437*

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Planning board still working on wind turbine bylaw

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Suggestions from wind turbine opponents who attended the 2/12 Fairhaven Planning Board meeting triggered some alterations to the new wind turbine bylaw, mostly in areas of semantics, but also for broadening the scope of abutter notification. There was no increase in the four times the maximum tip height (MTH) setback to any structure, despite a last minute change of heart of a few board members before ending the discussion at the meeting on 2/26.

Windwise member Louise Barteau's suggestion of increasing legal abutter notification to one mile made an impact on the new bylaw; however, the board agreed that one mile was excessive and, at \$6.11 per abutter notification, not practical.

Instead, "noise abutters," as Mr. Hayward put it, 300 feet beyond the outer perimeter of the 10-acre parcel will also receive notification. Furthermore, in cases when the WT is located closer to the 1.5 times MTH setback to the nearest property, a perimeter of four times the MTH will be drawn, and extended another 300 feet to include all abutters within that range.

Ms. Barteau asked the board to reconsider making the setbacks 10 times the MTH, which she said was adopted by the Cape Cod Commission.

"They have not done that," said Mr. Hayward. He said there is no evidence of that, stating that the CCC has never adopted the ten times setback. He commented that this is why he requested testimony in writing, so that ideas "that sound like a fact" could be verified.

Windwise member Curt Devlin strongly suggested a setback of 16 times the MTH, which would essentially ban all wind turbines from Fairhaven, a move that is currently considered illegal in Massachusetts.

"We're proposing to eliminate industrial class turbines," said Mr. Hayward. "He should take that for what it means."

The new WT bylaw would ban the future development of wind turbines the scale of the two 397-foot 1.5 kilowatt industrial wind turbines located off Arsene Street, limiting

future WTs to an MTH of 265 feet, and a maximum capacity of 660 kW.

"I don't see people becoming wind turbine refugees from these (660 kW WTs)," said Mr. Hayward.

Public concerns over language such as "waiver" within the bylaw prompted the board to remove the word in two areas to minimize misunderstanding of the context of the term.

Mr. Hayward specified that any waiver would not be a Planning Board-induced waiver, rather a voluntary waiver of direct abutters that would permit wind energy developers to decrease setbacks. All abutters involved would have to agree with a developer's request, or the developer would not be allowed to operate outside the requirements of the bylaw.

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Mr. Hayward referred to testimony by Windwise Attorney Ann DeNardis, who perceived the language as allowing the Planning Board to arbitrarily waive certain components of the bylaw during the permitting process. The waiver, however, would be the action of abutters, and accepted by the Planning Board.

Other suggestions, such as Fairhaven Selectperson Bob Espindola's calling for the total elimination of shadow flicker, only possible by completely banning the construction of wind turbines, were noted but not acted upon.

"Our window is shrinking fast," Mr. Hayward told the board. "We need to finalize this document and move it through the chain of command."

He advised board members to

raise discussion over any remaining issues that cause them "heartburn."

Board Member Jeff Lucas made a last minute argument for increasing the setback from four times to five times the MTH for utility class WTs, which provoked other board members to express their own unspoken preferences for different setback numbers.

Board Member Kaisa Cripps said she would not support a five times MTH setback. She thought four times was too much, but went along with the board in the spirit of consensus. She later stated that she would even prefer a setback of two times MTH.

Rene Fleurent Jr. suggested increasing the maximum capacity to 1 megawatt, the height to 300 feet, but sticking with the four times MTH setback, but with a minimum of 1,000 feet.

A subsequent straw poll showed a range of different opinions for setback ranging from five to three times MTH, which inched closer to a consensus as board members closed the gap to a preference of either three or four times MTH.

"So, 3.275 then?" Mr. Hayward said as other board members laughed.

The board agreed to keep the setback at four times, since an amendment at Town Meeting could only result in a decrease in the setback, not an increase. If Town Meeting decides four times is excessive, they could bring it down to three times.

Mr. Fleurent engaged Mr. Hayward in a lengthy, and at times heated, discussion over semantics involving avian "analyses," perceiving the language to imply an annual avian analysis, which is costly and time consuming. Mr. Hayward told him that it meant the developer would have to provide the Planning Board with an annual report of the monitoring of bird and bat fatalities and injuries to see if it parallels the initial study.

Mr. Fleurent insisted the language was unclear and called for changing the wording to "avian impact monitoring report."

"Let's not go batty over this issue," said Francis Budryk, dropping one of

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