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And the honorees are...



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its annual Outstanding Public Servant Awards Banquet on Saturday, 3/2. Every year, the NFIA recognizes an outstanding individual in the police, fire and school departments as well as someone from the community at large. ABOVE, L-R: This year's awardees of the NFIA banquet are Denise Valois, School Employee of the Year; Mike Silvia, Outstanding Public Service Award; Brendon Hayden, Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year; Sgt. Stephen Foster, Police Officer of the Year. See story on page 16. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

AAARRGGHH!!

All the quotes in this week issue are about haste... because that's what I'm all about today, rushing, rushing, rushing.

But, we have a great issue for you. Lots of good stories, candidate stuff, ads...be sure to check out the ads.

I don't have time for great wisdom here today, though. If I keep typing at this speed, I'll only be 15 minutes late for where I've got to go.

Not too bad, eh?

We need questions from Acushnet voters (see page 18) for a candidate night that Yours Truly will be moderating. We also need questions from Fairhaven voters for the annual NFIA candidate night (see page 6). Things are heating up in political race-land.

Speaking of which...check out our cover story on page 16. The NFIA banquet got a dose of politics this year. A bit of an eye opener from someone who usually keeps it close to the vest, so to speak.

Our first round of candidate statements are in this week's issue. We will be running them for all contested races in Fairhaven and Acushnet until the election.

On another note, where were all my readers when there was an evacuation of the Rogers School? Kids on the sidewalk, a fire in an office and not one call? I happened to run into someone who told me about it and then I saw an item in the other paper...you know, the conglomerate on the other side of the river.

C'mon you guys...I'm alway bragging about how great my readers are, so, where were you?

In other news...the wind turbine noise test ran into some trouble recently. Check out page 17 for that.

Did you hear about the 17-year-old Medford boy who was lost on Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine for two nights? I must be getting old, because when I saw Nicholas Joy walking around looking okay, I nearly cried. Yup, I'm getting old.

Oh, good, maybe it's time to retire?

Not tonight....now I'm going to be 20 minutes late.

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Until next week then...

See ya



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's issue, we inadvertently left out the name of a letter writer. It was Fremon Suddy of Fairhaven. We apologize for our omission and any confusion it may have caused.

Art exhibit explores Fairhaven's past

By Beth David
Editor

Art on Center, the new art studio in the center of Fairhaven, held a reception on Sunday, 3/3, and gave certificates for best artwork at its "Art of Fairhaven" exhibit.

Tourism Director Chris Richard entertained the group of about 30 people with stories about Henry Huttleston Rogers and his gifts to the town. Mr. Rogers built and donated the architectural "wonders" in the center of town, including Town Hall, the Rogers School, the Unitarian Memorial Church and the Millicent Library.

Mr. Rogers also donated the high school, the gift that Mr. Richard said the town "worships more than any other gift." It was the building he gave to the town.

Mr. Richard gives walking tours in the summer highlighting HHR's gifts as well as his life.

HHR's gifts will most likely never be matched, they were so large in scope. The Standard Oil magnate made his money alongside such big names as John D. Rockefeller and JP Morgan.

"Fairhaven has lots and lots of interesting history and we're still making it," he said. "Even yesterday is history now."

The event also included awards to artists who made renditions of old photographs using various media (see photo).

Art on Center is located at 15 Center Street. For more information call 774-206-1709 or visit info@artoncenter.org



L-R: Ruth Rego, Debra Johansen, Dakota Lawrence and Luke Puccio, the winners of the art contest held at Art on Center in Fairhaven, pose with their certificates at the opening reception of the exhibit "Art of Fairhaven" on Sunday, 3/3. Photo by Beth David.

Rogers evacuates from spaghetti sauce fire

Students at the Rogers Elementary School in Fairhaven evacuated the building at about 9 a.m. on Friday, 3/1, after some spaghetti sauce spilled into an electrical outlet on the floor causing smoke.

According to Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Oliveira, spokesperson for the Fairhaven Fire Department, the problem was isolated immediately, power was shut to the area and students were let back into the building after only six minutes. The wiring inspector serviced the outlet.

"It's a testament to how well all the departments work together," said Mr. Oliveira.

He said there was never any real fire, just some smoke that prompted a school employee to pull the alarm.

According to Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin, he received a phone call, and by the time he arrived the situation was being "rectified."

And to this day I wish I had lingered a week or so.... But we stupid mortals, or most of us, are always in haste to reach somewhere else, forgetting that the zest is in the journey and not in the destination.

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Selectboard raises Rec Center fees; OKs fish pier off causeway

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Recreation center fee increases, shellfishing, and other harbor-related issues, were the major topics at the March 3rd Fairhaven selectboard meeting.

Beginning May 1, recreation center fees will rise between \$5 to \$15, depending on membership category, as the selectboard approved Recreation Director Warren Rensehausen's request for a rate increase. It is the first rate increase since July 2008 and the first one during Mr. Rensehausen's tenure.

Adult full memberships will increase from \$100 to \$110, while memberships for seniors and students will increase from \$72 to \$80. Children's memberships will go to \$30 from \$25. Play Cards, which allow members access to most programs and facilities (except for the wellness room), will go from \$36 to \$45 for adults, and \$25 to \$30 for seniors. Residents of Acushnet and Mattapoissett will be able to purchase memberships for \$165.

Mr. Rensehausen also proposed to create two new categories: a \$10 One-Day Pass for visiting non-residents accompanied by a registered member, and a \$60 Teen Wellness membership.

The new teen category will allow youths 16-18 access to the workout rooms, which are currently off limits to members under 18. Teens will be required to attend a mandatory training session to learn how to use equipment properly, and to have their parents or guardians sign special agreements prior to being issued a Teen Wellness pass.

A number of youths had expressed interest in being able to use the workout rooms, Mr. Rensehausen told the selectboard, adding that as long as the workout rooms were closely supervised, he did not foresee any problems arising.

Town officials also approved a \$10 fee increase for the Recreation Center gym rental across the board, and asked Mr. Rensehausen to gather information and statistics on the usage of sports fields, to determine if they could also be a viable source of revenue for the town in the future.

The selectboard, along with the

Natural Resources Department and members of the Boat Ramp Committee, welcomed a new proposal from the Mass. Office of Fishing and Boating Access to improve wheelchair-accessible parking at Hoppy's Landing and fishing areas off the causeway.

Douglas Cameron, Assistant Director and Deputy Chief Engineer at the Department of Fish and Game, explained that initial plans to build a wheelchair-accessible fishing pier at Hoppy's Landing were shelved when the state determined the area was too shallow to support such a structure.

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constructing the platforms, but also repairing and widening sidewalks and filling in a sinkhole. Although Fairhaven eventually will be responsible for maintenance of the platforms in the future, the construction costs will be covered by the state.

The selectboard was pleased with the proposal, noting that the area was well traveled by pedestrians.

"I do like the idea of a handicapped-accessible fishing area," said Dr. Bowcock. "This may enhance the safety there a bit."

Police Chief Michael Myers raised three safety concerns with the project: namely keeping fishing lines from entangling with crossing boats, preventing people from darting across the street from one platform to the other, and preventing people from jumping and diving off the platforms to swim. He suggested staggering the platforms slightly, so that people

fishing on the north side platform could cast lines without fear of hitting boats; that rails be installed between the platforms and the street, with openings and painted crosswalks at specific areas; and that adequate signage prohibiting jumping and diving be posted on the platforms.

Mr. Cameron agreed that the chief's suggestions were excellent solutions to potential safety concerns and would certainly be doable. With the selectboard's approval, the project will now move to the next stage, which entails additional studies and permitting.

The selectboard was also pleased to accept the Department of Natural Resources proposed FY14 budget, which reflected a 3% decrease from last year. Harbormaster David Darmofal and Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox attributed the lower figures to implementing "best practices" procedures and creative cost-cutting methods, including issuing employees polo shirts embroidered with the department insignia instead of specialty uniform shirts and expensive badges that were often lost or misplaced.

Although the department is requesting \$3,500 in capital expenditures for a refurbished workboat motor, that amount could be covered if pending grant proposals are successful, said Mr. Darmofal.

"The department has become more robust and has accomplished more over the past five years, with your support," Mr. Darmofal told the board.

Signage and law enforcement remain the two top issues for the department, he said, as he related an account of how a recent attempt to bring a violation to court was thrown out because the town didn't have adequate signs posted.

The department has been working closely with other town officials to address these issues, repainting and reusing discarded street signs from the highway department, for example. Mr. Darmofal indicated the focus over the next few years will be on collaborating with law enforcement.

The harbormaster and shellfish warden recently cooperated with the

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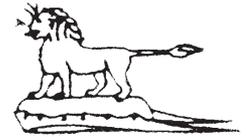
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from Louise Dupre

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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.

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.**

To request applications by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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.

Submit your question

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.

South Pacific at FHS

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is proud to present the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *South Pacific*. This 2008 Tony Award winning musical revival, which cast its spell on audiences around the world, comes to The Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center on **March 14, 15, 16 at 7:30, and March 17 at 2:00. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for children under 12.**

Fresh from its Tony award-winning run at Lincoln Center, this classic is considered the greatest Broadway musical of all time. *South Pacific* is a heartwarming tale of love and romance, war and racial tolerance, and laughter and liveliness.

The score is full of memorable, timeless tunes such as "Younger than Springtime," "There's Nothing Like A Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "I'm In love With A Wonderful Guy," and, of course, "Some Enchanted Evening."

Few Broadway Musicals can match the songs of *South Pacific* for their beguiling tunes and meaningful lyrics. Whether addressing varied subjects as love at first sight, racial prejudice or lost possibilities, they speak a rare yet simple language.

The show is directed by Rick Brejcha and Tracy Higgins. Tickets are available at the FHS Performing Arts Center box office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8 or by calling 508-979-4051, ext. 5411.

FHS Hall of Fame

The Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame committee is looking for businesses and individuals to advertise in the souvenir program book.

The induction ceremony will be held on June 30. Deadline for advertising is May 4th. Costs range from \$5 to \$150. For more information, call 508-979-4051, Ext. 3005.

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

BDTV Telethon

The 5th annual BD-TV (Blue Devil-TV) Telethon is set for Friday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Produced by the FHS students in the media classes, the telethon covers many aspects of Fairhaven High School and the community.

Students are hoping to surpass the \$2,000 raised last year through donations from area businesses and individuals. The money raised goes toward scholarships and field trips for the media program.

Through a previous grant from the FHS Alumni for updated software, students will also be able to stream the telethon through the Internet at bdtv.us.to. Viewers can also find that site through fairhavenps.org, FHS, BDTV, and Telethon.

The success of a telethon relies on advanced advertising sales. BD-TV will be taking donations of any amount from viewers by email at bdtv@fairhavenps.org or mail to Fairhaven High School, c/o BDTV Telethon, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Students welcome any businesses to email them at bdtv@fairhavenps.org with a contact name and number or call 508-979-4051, ext. 0 and ask for the TV Studio.

Community Garden

Would you like to save on your grocery bill by growing your own vegetables, herbs or flowers? Would you like to eat food that is not treated with chemicals? Would you enjoy gardening with your neighbors, sharing information, skills and experience?

Contact Fairhaven Community Garden for a small plot in a community garden. For \$10 you will be given a 4 x 8 foot bed beside other Fairhaven gardeners.

Contact Laurie Hellstrom, 508-993-3802, lauriehellstrom@yahoo.com or visit www.fairhavencommunitygarden.org

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Baseball Sign-ups

The Whaling City Youth Baseball League will be holding sign-ups for all new and returning tee ball and instructional league players on **Saturday March 9th, and Saturday March 16th, 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 at (508) 985-3951.

Spring Fling F-R

A Spring Fling Fundraiser will be held on **March 22 at the Skyroom in New Bedford from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.** to benefit the Showstoppers community-service singing troupe. This 21-and-over event will feature a large selection of hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, raffle, silent auction, cash bar, and dancing to live music by Johnny's Basement party band, which plays classic rock covers from the 1970's to today's hits.

Proceeds from this event will help the Showstoppers with travel expenses associated with their upcoming performance in Disney World in August of 2013.

Ticket are \$25 per person. For more information or for tickets, email SkyroomTix@comcast.net or call 508-758-4525.

STEM series

The Ocean Explorium announces the fifth annual speaker series aimed at promoting the "STEM" fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to girls and young women.

Doors open at 5 pm each Wednesday in March for mingling in the Ocean Explorium and for a special presentation, related to the evening's topic, to be shown on Science on a Sphere® before the talks begin at 5:30 pm. Thanks to the Women's Fund, this series is free and open to the public.

- **3/13: Carolina Nobre**, Research Associate, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- **3/20: Marya Gabriel**, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Assonet Animal Hospital
- **3/27 - Melissa Walsh and Jessica Chery**, PhD Candidates, Brown University

The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible/rear entrance. Call 508.994.5400 or visit the Ocean Explorium website, www.oceanexplorium.org, for information.

Spinner Pubs Gala Art Auction

In honor of its 32nd year of publishing books and calendars that celebrate the history and culture of the region, Spinner Publications is holding a gala fundraising event and live auction — Spinner Celebrates! — on **Friday, March 8, 2013 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 6-10pm.**

Tickets are \$75 each, and can be obtained directly through the Spinner Publications website, its offices at 164 William Street in New Bedford, and at several locations around the area.

Join us in the Jacobs Gallery for: quality cuisine and an open cocktail bar catered by Russell Morin Fine Catering; the jazz music of John Harrison and Dori Legge; a silent auction of antique artifacts, rare books, and collectibles; a preview of the film "New Bedford through the Years," currently under production. The Live Auction will take place inside the Auditorium and will feature original works by artists Severin Haines, Arthur Moniz, John Gamache, John Magnan, Al Doucette, Chuck Hauck, Robert Henry, Everett S. Allen, and others.

Women in Fishing

During the month of March, the Working Waterfront Festival's Portholes Project is pleased to present three programs which explore the theme Women in the Industry. We are pleased to present these programs in conjunction with the Zeiterion Theatre's Women's Voices Series. All programs are presented free of charge and open to the public. Visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

- **Friday, 3/8: Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m..** *Mothers, Daughters, Wives: Songs, Poems and Stories from Women in Fishing Families.* Singer Joanne Doherty, poet Charlotte Enoksen and storytellers Ellen Skaar and Nancy Quintin, will share perspectives from the home front.
- **Friday, 3/15 - National Park, 7 p.m.** *Shipping Out: The Story of America's Seafaring Women* Filmed on board merchant ships in coastal waters from Alaska to New York, *Shipping Out* looks at the little known history of women and seafaring in America. Featured in the program are women who hold jobs in commercial shipping. We meet them working as engineers, bar pilots, tug boat captains, mates and deckhands. A discussion with several women who work in the local fishing industry will take place following the film.

Int'l Women's Day

YWCA International Women's Day Networking Event, on Thursday, March 7th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, The Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford. \$5 Registration at the Door or Online. Cash bar, light refreshments. Guest speaker: Divina Grossman, Chancellor at UMassD. Visit www.ywcasema.org/events to RSVP and to find other IWD events.

Your Theatre Play

The Whales of August begins on Thursday, 3/14 at Your Theatre, Inc. See ad on page 22.

AHA! Night

On **March 14th** we invite you to celebrate the coming of Spring in Downtown New Bedford with obstacle courses, a little hoop action, yarn bombing, pinwheel making & a lot more. While you're at it, might as well Eat, Art, Explore and Shop too!

All activities are FREE and open to the public. Year-round programming is funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Arts Program, The Island Foundation, The City of New Bedford, the AHA! partners, individual supporters and in-kind marketing support from the Standard-Times and WBSM. For more information call 508-996-8253 x205

Wnter Hike

Members of the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust are invited to join naturalist Garry Plunkett on a walk at Slocum's River Reserve to learn about how to identify trees in the winter. Scheduled for **Saturday 3/9, at 10:30 am**, the walk will begin at the Slocum's River Reserve parking lot on Horseneck Road, 1.4 miles south of Russell's Mills Village.

The walk is free for members of DNRT; non-members can become a member for \$25. Dress appropriately for a hike and bring your own water. If you have questions call DNRT at 508-991-2289 or email info@dnrt.org (or call 508-525-9266 on the morning of the event).

Self Defense Classes

Acushnet Community Center located at 232 Middle Rd, Acushnet, is offering classes in Self Defense.

- **Women's Rape Safe Classes:** Starts March 11, and runs for 10 weeks, Mondays only, 6:30-7:30. Cost: \$75.
- **Men's Classes:** Starts March 13, and runs for 10 weeks, Wednesdays only, 6:30-7:30. Cost: \$75. Study is in Ketsugo, a blend of Martial Arts Instructor: Roger LeBert, 4th degree Black Belt. Call 508-763-3702 for info and to register

GOP meeting

Dartmouth Republican Town Committee Meeting will be held on: **Tuesday March 12 6:30 P.M., Southworth Library.** For more info or to join, please contact Bob Gauvin at dartrepublicantc@yahoo.com

Bird Club Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's monthly meeting will take place **Wednesday, March 13, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, S. Dartmouth.** This is "Members' Night," when the program is provided by the club's members. Alice Morgan, the club's Treasurer, will speak about the early history of the club, focusing on the 1960s and 1970s.

Alice's talk will rely heavily on materials at the Southworth Library in Dartmouth. These materials are available in the library's reading room, and include club minutes,

starting with the club's founding in 1963, as well as newspaper articles about the club and its activities, and a variety of other memorabilia. As this year is the club's 50th anniversary, it seemed a good time to look back on these early days. Information comes as well from some of the club's early members, and from materials in their possession.

Free, open to the public. Accessible.

Middle School Play

The Ford Middle School Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Donna DeTerra and Mr. Brian Shanbrun, will be presenting its annual musical next Thursday and Friday.

"The Big Bad Musical" is set once upon a time in a courtroom in the Enchanted Forest and will be presented on the FMS stage **March 14th and 15th at 6pm both nights.** The cast features over 25 students from grades five through eight and even allows the audience to participate as the jury, deciding the fate of Mr. Big B. Wolf at his trial. **Tickets are \$3 at the door.**

Play Written by Station Fire Victim

In commemoration of the ten year anniversary of The Station nightclub fire, which occurred on February 20, 2003, OSTC will present a staged reading of Nicholas O'Neill's one-act play, which was written a year before the fire that took his life. Nicky, as his family affectionately refers to him, was the youngest victim of the fire. The play, which was discovered about two weeks after the fire, is an inspiring story about young people who die and return as guardian angels. Believed to have been written for All Children's Theatre's annual playwriting competition, Nick never submitted the play and it never made it to the stage before his passing.

They Walk Among Us will be presented at Ocean State Theatre for **one performance only on March 10 at 7:00 p.m.** The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. **General admission tickets are \$20.00 with partial proceeds being donated to The Station Fire Memorial Foundation.** Tickets are on sale at the box office Tuesday

through Friday from 12 noon - 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

Film Fest

It's March Movie Madness here at WAM!Boston, and you're invited! Don't miss these great films by and about women, and the chance to talk with many of the filmmakers.

The Invisible War: Film Screening & Discussion, March 13 at 6:15pm, Cambridge Public Library Main Branch, 449 Broadway, Cambridge. FREE! Come together to watch the Oscar-nominated film exposing the national scandal of sexual violence among US military personnel, then stay for an inspiring talkback that will help us all take action for change. Co-presented with the Cambridge Women's Commission.

WAM!Boston Film Festival: Sat. & Sun, March 23 & 24, Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA You're invited to experience a unique lineup of films made by women, and about women, from up-and-coming filmmakers from New England and around the globe. Tickets will be available online, or at the door at The Brattle Theatre. Passes for entry to all films will be available for \$30. Click here for the full lineup and to get your tickets today!

WAM! & WIFVNE Post-Fest Happy Hour: Sunday, March 24 @ 5:00 pm, Park Restaurant & Bar, 59 JFK Street, Cambridge

Join WAM! and Women in Film and Video New England for a post-festival celebration and networking night! FREE.

These events are part of WAM! It Yourself 2013, a multi-city event by Women, Action & the Media. For more information about events happening in Boston and all over the world, visit <http://www.womenactionmedia.org/events/wamit/bostonfilmfest/>

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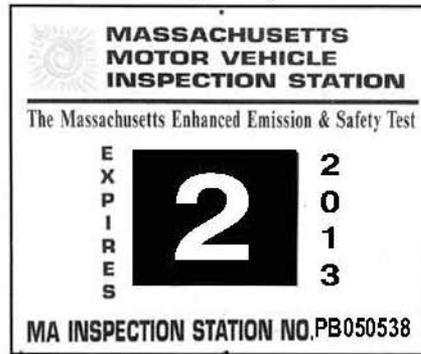
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Recipe of the Week

Vegetarian Korma

- 1 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger root
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 potatoes, cubed
- 4 carrots, cubed
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, seeded and sliced
- 3 tbsps ground unsalted cashews
- 1 (4 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro for garnish

Heat the oil in a skillet over med. heat. Stir in the onion, and cook until tender. Mix in ginger and garlic, and continue cooking 1 minute. Mix potatoes, carrots, jalapeno, cashews, and tomato sauce. Season with salt and curry powder. Cook and stir 10 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

Stir peas, green bell pepper, red bell pepper, and cream into the skillet. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer 10 minutes. Garnish with cilantro to serve.

From allrecipes.com

SMCU goes to DC

Press Release

Recently, Southern Mass Credit Union, Fairhaven, MA, Directors Pamela Bourgault, Richard Ellis, Charles Murphy, Alfred Peccini and Mark Sylvia represented SMCU at the 2013 Government Affairs Conference (GAC) sponsored by the Credit Union National Association (CUNA). Over 4,200 credit union industry board members and management personnel were in attendance making this one of the largest GAC's in CUNA's history.

The purpose of this event is for board and management to be updated on current credit union regulatory, legislative and industry issues by Federal Government and

national industry leaders.

Highlighting this year's conference were keynote addresses by U. S. House of Representatives Speaker, John Boehner; U. S. Representative Jeb Hensarling, Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee; U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, Member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

While in Washington, SMCU Directors personally met with Senator Warren and Representative Keating regarding credit union regulatory initiatives and legislative initiatives moving through Congress.



Board members of the Southern Mass Credit Union attend the Government Affairs Conference in Washington DC to advocate for Credit Unions and the ways CU's make a difference in our community, and had a private Massachusetts meeting with Senator Elizabeth Warren. Pictured, L-R: Board members Dick Ellis, Fred Peccini, Pamela A. Bourgault, Senator Warren, Charles K. Murphy and Mark D. Sylvia. Submitted photo.

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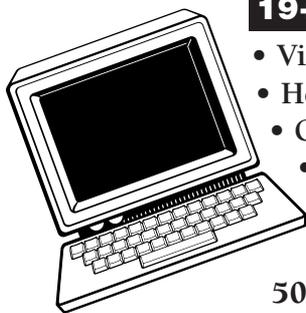
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FinCom projects \$1 million shortfall

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Guessing the Town will have about \$44 million maximum to spend, the Fairhaven Finance Committee said on 2/28 that about \$1 million will have to be cut from the proposed budget requests in order to form a balanced budget for fiscal year 2014.

FinCom Chairperson John Roderiques commented in between budget presentations from the Tourism Department and the Historical Commission that departments should be prepared because "if we have to cut \$1 million, it's going to come from everywhere."

Mr. Roderiques said it was not his intent for FY14 to be an "off with your head year," but cuts in spending shall be made — somehow.

The "biggest elephant in the barn," as Mr. Roderiques called it, otherwise known as the School Department, presented their \$17.9 budget that features a 33% increase in transportation costs. The salary line decreased due to about four lay-offs and two retirements next year, which Superintendent Robert Baldwin said was expected.

"We ask for what we need to deliver our educational program," said Dr. Baldwin, and \$17.9 million is what he said they need.

The School Department formed their budget using the "zero-based budget" approach, which means a budget is formed from scratch and built from the bottom up, rather than picking up from last year's budget and estimating increases.

Dr. Baldwin said the budget was also based on their mission.

"We know where we're going," said Dr. Baldwin, "And when you know where you're going you know what you need."

The School Department has the Town's largest budget, but is also the Town's largest source of local receipts revenue. Acushnet students attending Fairhaven High School from out of district bring in a minimum of about \$1.5 million annually.

There was a proposed increase in athletics spending for next year, with about 54% of high school students participating in athletic activities

"Point blank, we're spoiled in this

area," said Mr. Roderiques, comparing Fairhaven's athletics spending to other areas of the country. "There's gonna be a time it's gonna have to give."

Mr. Roderiques was serious when he stated he was not, he repeated, NOT proposing cutting athletics spending. He said once you start cutting out athletics, out-of-district student attendance would "drop like a brick."

The School Department's Town Meeting article requesting \$200,000 came last in the discussion. There are three options for repairing or replacing the fire escapes at the High School; option one calls for scraping the lead paint and reinforcing the structure, option two is the replacement of both the west and east-side fire escapes, but with a more aesthetically pleasing fire

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you need. [Superintendent of
Schools Robert N. Baldwin]

escape installed on the visual west side, and the third option is the installment of basic fire escapes for both east and west.

"Without the CPC (Community Preservation Committee) money there is no way you're going to do option two," said Mr. Roderiques. He said that might also apply to option three.

The School Department attended the last CPC meeting but there was not a quorum so no votes could be taken. Dr. Baldwin said the CPC is looking to re-appropriate a \$104,000 grant from last year to put toward the fire escape project.

Discussion over FinCom Member Phil Washko's seemingly benign request for detailed meeting agendas to include action items for FinCom meetings got a little heated as the chairperson and other FinCom members defended their method of madness to the newbie.

Mr. Washko said he found written agendas to be a helpful tool, explaining that he was looking for more structure to FinCom meetings so members could focus on the outcome instead of focusing on the discussion, maybe resulting in shorter and more "on task" meetings.

Committee Member Sid Martin told Mr. Washko agendas work well in the business world, but not so well in FinCom.

"Why doesn't it work here?" asked Mr. Washko.

Scott Fernandes pointed out that the Selectboard still has not officially chosen a projected revenue for FinCom to work with, which is essentially delaying the budget process from week to week.

"I sympathize with your difficulties," Mr. Roderiques told Mr. Washko, adding that the committee could probably reorganize after Town Meeting, but he thinks FinCom does its job and does it well.

"If you can't deal with how it's being run," Mr. Roderiques added, "I can't tell you how it's being done."

Mr. Washko asserted that he was not criticizing the committee; he was just making a suggestion.

Mr. Roderiques asked Mr. Washko to tell him what actions or votes Mr. Washko was interested in making.

"I don't know. You know. You tell me," said Mr. Washko.

Mr. Roderiques chewed the end of his pen and tapped his foot loudly while Mr. Washko crossed his arms and legs at the ankle.

"I get what he is saying," said Terry Szala. "I just don't know how we [can create agendas] in the framework [we have]."

"The issue I have is I would just like clarification," said Mr. Washko, asking if the committee is discussing just for the sake of discussion, or to take votes and take action quickly.

"I'm just not getting it," said Mr. Roderiques.

Acknowledging that he was once a newbie, Kevin Costa told Mr. Washko, "It seems a little convoluted..." but lately, "it's starting to make sense." He added that there are so many variables to life on the Finance

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Committee that things are never “so cut-and-dry.”

“It’s not a perfect situation [with] things out of our control,” said Kathy Carter.

Mr. Roderiques gave Mr. Washko one example of how unpredictably things can happen and affect FinCom meetings. He mentioned earlier that week on 2/26 the discovery of an error resulted in a “monkey wrench” in the form of an unexpected increase in the debt expense column to the sum of \$144,000.

Mr. Roderiques gave another example of a monkey wrench, citing the exact date of 3/29/12, the day he found out about an extra \$200,000 of unspent revenue.

“Had we taken those votes, we would have one less policeman, one less fire[fighter], probably one less teacher,” Mr. Roderiques said. “There would have been no incentive to do the digging to come up with that money.”

He told Mr. Washko, who was nodding his head “yes,” that as soon

as FinCom thinks they have it all figured out, “S o m e b o d y throws another pitch at your head.”

Also at the meeting, Tourism Director Chris Richard, who commented on his Fairhaven Facebook page that he was hoping he would not make it into the *Neighb News*, presented his FY14 budget. He explained that, because he no longer has to pay rent and utilities since moving into the Academy Building, his budget was reduced by \$8,200.

Also presenting the budget for the Fairhaven Historical Commission was David Despres. He explained his \$1,000 increase in utilities, which is from Mr. Richard’s move to the Academy Building.

Mr. Roderiques told Mr. Despres he should “fight tooth and nail” to get into article four of the warrant and be declared an official department by the Selectboard.

Mr. Roderiques said further action on the budget cannot be made until after the Selectboard’s 3/5 meeting, but more than likely, after the 3/11 meeting.

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By Beth David

Editor

The usually benign, apolitical annual awards banquet sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association got an unexpected dose of politics, and treated the crowd to a rather amusing, awkward moment when the main honoree presented the plaque to himself.

Former Fairhaven Selectboard member Michael Silvia, who is also the longtime president of the NFIA, received the Outstanding Public Service Award at the banquet on Saturday, 3/2. With Ted Silva away, Mr. Silvia joked that he had to write his own plaque, keeping it simple.

He said it was his 10th year as the banquet emcee, another milestone. He told the crowd of about 100 that he was proud to join the ranks of both current and past honorees.

"You are part of what makes this town a great town," said Mr. Silvia.

He said there was a large "silent majority" in town who appreciate that "you dedicate your time to the betterment of the town."

He said he believed in three main virtues to sum it all up.

The first, he said, was competence, or professionalism; something, he said, he sees in the fire department that has gone beyond putting out fires to providing medical care through its paramedic program; and in the school department, with its second new model school being built now. He said he saw it in the police department and who the board hired,



Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNewm.com

based on qualifications.

He said that as a selectboard member, "I never brought politics into any interaction with the police department and fire department. I let them do their job, knowing the proper role of a selectman."

The second he said, was common sense.

He said bringing in businesses like Titleist, Stop & Shop and Fairhaven Wind have brought new revenues to town. Politicians should depend on science and fairness to make decisions, he said, instead of "crazy people getting all the attention."

The third, he said was civility, and decried the disintegration of respect in meetings, saying he was "tired of people not acting in a civil manner."

Even if people disagree, they should have respect for each other and not "crash meetings."

"My sympathies go out to those who are serving in that climate," said Mr. Silvia.

He also gave high praise to the Selectboard's Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, who is retiring soon, saying he did not deserve the kind of criticism and disrespect he has been receiving from some people.

In negotiating just the SEMASS contract alone, Mr. Osuch has saved the town "millions," said Mr. Silvia, adding that Mr. Osuch "has done more" than any particular politician or finance committee chair to save the town money.

"I am very honored to join the ranks of the current honorees and the past honorees," said Mr. Silvia. "and to the taxpayers of Fairhaven, you've got the best dang government around."

He received loud applause and a standing ovation for his remarks.

Mr. Silvia also received a citation from the Fairhaven Selectboard, read and presented by selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock; and a citation from the state house of representatives, presented by Mass. state representative William Straus.

Stephen Foster received the Police Officer of the Year award. Sgt. Foster recently retired and was hailed as the "epitome" of the perfect police officer by Police Chief Michael Myers, who was hired by Mr. Foster in 1992 when he was police chief for a brief time.

Sgt. Foster ultimately decided that he would rather be on the street.

"He is the kind of police officer who



Mike Silvia speaks to the crowd while holding the plaque honoring him as the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Outstanding Servant. Beth David photo.

probably could be honored every year," said Chief Myers. "He was probably the epitome of what you wanted to be as a police officer."

He also said Sgt. Foster worked hard through his last day on the job, and that he hoped the lesson was passed on to the younger officers.

Characteristically, Sgt. Foster accepted his plaque, but did not make any comments.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis gave the Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year award to Brendon Hayden, who is not an employee of the department, but has been the liaison between the department and the hospital/physicians since the paramedic program was created in 2001, making him a valuable member of the team.

Chief Francis said that Fairhaven's paramedic service has been a "model for the state," and credited much of its success with the good relationship the department has with the hospital. He credited Mr. Hayden with facilitating that.

Mr. Hayden said that the town was lucky to have dedicated individuals in the fire department.

He said when Chief Francis says the "little town of Fairhaven has been a model for the state, he's not feeding you a line of bull. Not all communities can do that."

Mr. Haden told the crowd that a paramedic service is not measured by how many lives it saves, but by how many lives it has touched.

"And in Fairhaven, your EMS has touched a lot of lives."

Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools Robert Baldwin presented the School Employee of the Year award to school nurse Denise Valois. He said that being a school nurse has

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WT noise test data flawed

By Beth David
Editor

The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and Fairhaven Wind LLC have confirmed an anomaly in the data collected to measure sound being created by the two wind turbines off Arsene Street in Fairhaven. Mass. DEP spokesperson Edmund Coletta said that DEP technicians were analyzing the data "around the same time" that Louise Barteau, an activist fighting the WTs, sent a letter noting that the south turbine was not producing power during testing on Oct. 14-15. The tests are done in the overnight hours.

Ms. Barteau has been present for all noise testing and has recorded the findings independently.

"It all started innocently enough," said Ms. Barteau, explaining that she was just "poking around," looking at the online data on the nights that testing was done.

"It was all just part of trying to understand everything," she said.

She saw a sudden drop in the graph on that night, so she started to investigate why.

It turns out that the wind turbine was turned on, with blades spinning, but it was not generating power.

In a letter to the DEP, Fairhaven Wind said that on the night of October 14, an acoustical engineer was operating the turbines with a smartphone and believed they were fully operational because the blades were spinning.

"He was not trained in turbine troubleshooting and was not expected to diagnose problems," wrote Gordon Deane. "In fact, his attention was focused on doing his job which was noise sampling."

A "cursory review" of the data has shown no other anomalies, he added.

"Clearly this was a mechanical error that was compounded by not having an extra set of experienced eyes on the turbine production data during the sampling period. Fairhaven Wind adamantly denies that it or any of its representatives ever engaged in any action to seek to manipulate the test data during the compliance testing. The turbines were tested and operated in plain sight of the MassDEP, the Fairhaven Community and the media. SCADA data has been provided to MassDEP and, as Ms. Barteau was able to

determine, related production data is posted on a website for public review."

The letter also said, "This failure is most likely attributable to a failure in the engagement of the power converter in the South Turbine that occurred during the on-off switching for the sampling."

According to Sumul Shah of Fairhaven Wind, LLC, and Solaya Energy, which operates the turbines, he is usually present during testing and monitors all the information.

In order to conduct the tests, a Fairhaven Wind representative must be present to turn the turbines off and on.

Mr. Shah said that on the 14th, the turbine probably went into "health check mode," which it does when it has not been turned off in awhile, and then gets turned on. He said it can take some time for the generator to

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We have to pay attention.
[Louise Barteau]

kick on.

Mr. Shah uses a laptop computer to monitor all the data. After he turns the turbines back on, he informs Laurel Carlson, the DEP tester, when everything is fully operational so she can start the noise test.

"I pass the information on to the DEP, but I don't analyze it," said Mr. Shah, adding that the DEP would have caught the error when they started to analyze it.

"It's an honest to goodness error," said Mr. Shah. "It's not a 100% automated system, that's why these things require monitoring."

He said output information is available online for the public to see through a link on the Fairhaven Wind website at www.fairhavenwind.info

The company has contracted with Powerdash to for all its regulatory reporting requirements. According to Mr. Shah, Fairhaven wind is required to hire an independent "meter reader" to monitor output to qualify

for its renewable energy certificates. The meter is owned by Powerdash.

He said Fairhaven Wind opted to make the information available to the public, although it is not required to.

Ms. Barteau said that when she discovered the anomaly in January, she emailed Ms. Carlson directly, along with the Fairhaven Board of Health and Selectboard. She said the BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra told her to leave it to the professionals. The Selectboard did not answer her until last week. Meanwhile ABC6 did a story on her findings.

The DEP has agreed that the data from 10/14 should be disregarded and new testing will be done in similar wind conditions.

Mr. Coletta said that another night in November had a similar problem, but it was caught "on scene," and taken care of.

He said that since Ms. Carlson has been unable to get out in the field due to the wind conditions not being right, she was reviewing the data already collected.

"So she was going through the initial data she had and did find the anomaly from that particular test," said Mr. Coletta. "I think they were looking at the same data."

In her letter, Ms. Barteau wrote that "the whole concept of testing with the foreknowledge of the developer is now in question, and a protocol that collects impact data without notice is necessary."

Mr. Shah, however, said it was ironic that he has been criticized for being present during testing, "And the first time I'm not there, there's a problem."

Ms. Barteau also said she was suspicious that Mr. Shah would run the turbines at "half speed."

Mr. Shah said that the DEP has all the data from the turbines, so they would be able to see if the turbines were being deliberately slowed down. If the WTs produce a certain amount of power at a certain wind speed on one day, they should do the same on any other day with the same wind.

"So they would know if something's wrong. It would jump out," he said.

The only reason they would slow the WTs down would be for extremely high gusts of wind. He said that has not been necessary in Fairhaven.

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Acushnet has new CPC/HC member



Town Clerk Pamela Labonte swears into office on February 28th Frank Grace as the Acushnet Historical Commission and Community Preservation Commission's newest member. Mr. Grace has been an Acushnet resident for the past nine years and this is his first appointment to public office. Mr. Grace has a long history of community and historical preservation as the president of the New Bedford Orpheum Rising Project, working to restore the Orpheum Theater in New Bedford. Mr. Grace is an accomplished photographer and devoted historian and will be a great asset to the committee said Kevin Dakin, Chairman of the CPC. Mr. Grace was joined by his wife Bonnie and twin sons Nathan and Nicholas while being sworn into office. Both Kevin Dakin and Pauline Teixeira, who is chairwoman of the Historical Commission, were thrilled to have him aboard. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint him. *Submitted photo.*

Acushnet voters: submit your questions to Selectboard candidates

Acushnet residents may submit questions for a candidate night being held on Tuesday, 3/19, at the Acushnet Community Center. The two Selectboard candidates, incumbent David Wojnar, and challenger Michael Cioper have both agreed to participate. A media panel will ask both candidates questions.

Please submit your questions to the Neighb News by email at NeighbNews@comcast.net, or by fax at 508-991-5580, or by USPS mail at 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. We will also accept a limited number of questions the night of the event.

The debate will take place at the Acushnet Community Center, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and it will be taped for viewing on government access in Acushnet.

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FBA meets with selectboard candidates

By Beth David
Editor

In their first face-to-face as candidates for Fairhaven Selectboard, incumbent Brian Bowcock and his challenger, Board of Public Works member Geoffrey Haworth, answered questions from members of the Fairhaven Business Association on Tuesday, 3/5, before their regularly scheduled meeting at Art on Center on Center Street.

Most of the questions and comments revolved around a feeling by small business owners that town hall employees were unfriendly, even hostile to small business, making it nearly impossible to get permits and information necessary to get the doors open or improve properties.

Nearly every business owner in the room had a "nightmare" story to tell, including Dr. Bowcock, who said he had the same issues when he opened his chiropractic office in town 25 years ago.

Russ Frates expressed dismay that things had not changed in 25 years.

Mr. Frates, who owns the Art on Center building, said that while trying to get the art center opened, his contractors told him that no other town charges as much for permits, or requires as many permits.

He also said that when he wanted to go to town hall to talk to the building inspector about it, his contractors advised him not to, saying that it would only make things worse.

"This should've been a partnership," said Mr. Frates.

"Town Hall should not be a bully," said Stacey Frates, who runs Art on Center.

"We were bullied," said Mr. Frates. "That's a good way to put it. We were bullied."

Both Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Haworth said they wanted Fairhaven to be business-friendly and would work to make it easier to open a business in town.

Dr. Bowcock told the group that the current selectboard was working to simplify the permitting process, by having the procedure in writing. He also said, however, that the permits and codes were created on the state level, and were the same for all towns.

He said the town has also acquired software for "e-government," which would put all permits online and allow people to pay for them on the Internet.

The software has been bought and is operational in some departments, but the system is not online yet.

Mr. Haworth said that, while using the Internet had its advantages, he felt it was important for people to feel comfortable and welcome in town hall.

"Especially when you walk into that beautiful building," he said, and then it turns into an intimidating place instead.

"There's not even a directory of offices," said Ms. Frates.

In his opening statement, Dr. Bowcock touted his experience and said he was proud to be on the team that brought the bike path to town, got Atlas Tack cleaned up and helped to keep the town's good bond rating.

Mr. Haworth stressed the need for more open government and said that he would allow people to speak at meetings more often and would listen to the concerns of residents.

"We need to have selectmen we can

Town Hall should not
be a bully
[Stacey Frates]

approach and trust," said Mr. Haworth. "I will listen to everyone."

Both candidates said they disagreed with the settlement with Aerovox (AVX) on the harbor cleanup. The selectboard has sent a letter protesting the amount, and Mr. Haworth said he agreed.

"I'm against settling with any company for any amount until we know the entire cost of the clean-up," said Mr. Haworth.

"Fairhaven has also been robbed of use of the harbor and the north end of the river," said Dr. Bowcock, adding that he also questioned the safety of the CAD cell technology proposed for the harbor.

He noted that Atlas Tack was a superfund site, but not anymore.

"Not many communities...can say we cleaned up a superfund site," said Dr. Bowcock.

Al Benac asked if there was any way to acquire the Atlas Tack property and use the land for solar panels to pay for the street lights the town now owns.

Dr. Bowcock explained that the Atlas Tack property situation is in the hands of the Department of Justice and

officials there made it very clear that the town has no right to any money from any sale of the property or any right to back taxes. If any money is to be had, it will go to the Environmental Protection Agency for cleanup costs.

Frank Budryk, who owns the Polish Manor Inn and is also on the Planning Board, asked about the Park Street Motors site on Main Street. He complained about the property being used as a staging area for the work being done in the neighborhood as part of the Community Development Block Grant program.

He said the staging area could be moved to the former dump, but Dr. Bowcock said it would cost more to do that.

Mr. Haworth suggested that the Selectboard could ask the contractor to put up a fence with screening to shield the site.

The suggestion that the property be acquired by the town and made into an extension of Cushman Park was greeted favorably by both candidates, unfortunately, there is no money for the project. Dr. Bowcock said the town had applied for a grant from the Harbor Trustees Council to buy the property but it was denied.

Mr. Budryk also complained about the number of inspections his inn is subjected to each year. He said the fire department and building department inspect the same things and he has to pay every time.

Dawn Devlin asked the candidates if they thought there was an adequate amount of communication among town boards.

Mr. Haworth said while he was chairperson of the BPW the communication with the selectboard was "not ideal."

Dr. Bowcock said there was a "constant flow" of information between the selectboard and all other boards, including the BPW, and cited emails and phone calls with various members.

Dr. Bowcock assured members that he supported small businesses.

"We need to have businesses," said Dr. Bowcock. "We need to have more business. Business is imperative in any community."

After hearing the complaints from the business owners, Dr. Bowcock agreed that "it should not be so hard to start a business in Fairhaven."

"It's one of the issues I want to immediately work on," said Mr. Haworth. "It can't wait." ●●●

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grown from treating scrapes to administering regular medications for a variety of conditions.

He said Ms. Valois reluctantly took the lead of the nurses because no one else would do it.

"She has built this team of amazing nurses," said Dr. Baldwin, and then recited a litany of tasks the nurses have performed, such as 2,278 schedule medications and 5,745 as-needed medications administered.

The best part, though, is that nearly all the children ended up back in their classes.

"What she has created is a team of dedicated professionals who are making a difference in the lives of

children every day," said Dr. Baldwin.

"I really feel this award should go to all the nurses in the Fairhaven Schools, because it's a great team I work with," Ms. Valois told the crowd.

Dr. Baldwin began his stint at the podium by telling the group about a small fire at Rogers School (see page 3) and how it felt to get the call. But by the time he arrived, the situation was already "being rectified." He said the police and fire departments work well together in Fairhaven, which is not necessarily the case in other towns.

"Every day I thank my lucky stars," said Dr. Baldwin, knowing that when "something happens, we all have each other's backs. So thank you for the job you do." ●●●

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Thurs., 3/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 3/12, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Elementary Sch. Bldg

Wed., 3/13, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/7, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.
Thurs., 3/14, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 3/13, Academy Bldg., 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., 3/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 3/12, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 3/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority

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

Planning Commission

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

Selectboard

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

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

	March 2013	HIGH		LOW	
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Monday	4	0029	1255	0606	1806
Tuesday	5	0130	1358	0736	1923
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*
Wednesday	13	0952	2209	0312*	1512*
Thursday	14	1035	2251	0349*	1547*
Friday	15	1118	2334	0425*	1624*
Saturday	16	----	1202	0502	1702
Sunday	17	0016	1246	0542	1744

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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They were shut down for a time during a couple of big storms, but have not been slowed down due to gusts.

Ms. Barteau said she believes that the state is pushing wind power and it has vested interest in minimizing the impacts on neighborhoods.

"I don't think the Massachusetts government is looking critically at it," said Ms. Barteau. "We have to pay attention."

The testing was initiated after the

Board of Health received hundreds of complaints about the noise causing sleep disruptions and adverse health effects.

Ms. Barteau also took issue with the DEP for simply accepting the explanation of the developer.

"So they resolved it with Mr. Shah," she said, but no one ever called her.

Ms. Barteau also said that the state's equipment is not up to snuff compared to other acoustic testing equipment and methods. But, in any

case, the testing is only for sound.

"They're not testing for health effects, or infrasound, or amplitude modulation," said Ms. Barteau. "It's just about the noise."

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This notice is to inform that The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) will be initiating a federal consistency review of the proposed marina improvements at Earl's Marina in Fairhaven, MA. The federal consistency review by CZM will be published in the next edition of the Environmental Monitor which will be published on or around March 6, 2013. The publication date of that issue of the Monitor will initiate a 21-day public comment period. Questions regarding the technical aspects of the project should be directed to Dave Janik, (508) 291-3625, who will be conducting the federal consistency review of this project for CZM.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on March 26, 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) *Definitive Subdivision* application. The applicants, *David & Sandra Teves*, are requesting approval to subdivide their land into two lots by creating a street stub to add additional frontage to Judson Drive. The location is 3 Judson Drive. Map-31A, Lot 3A. 2) The applicant, the *Fairhaven Planning Board*, is proposing to amend the Zoning Bylaw. The pro-

posal is to add a new Chapter 198-29.6 Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems. The Public is encouraged to attend.

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 applications call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

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Letters from our readers

Acushnet's last big project

The people in Acushnet chose the right way to go when they voted to let the folks in Acushnet decide the fate of the library and the community center on April 1.

This could be our last big project. All our buildings, fire station, council on aging, two schools, EMT building and town hall are in good shape. Our golf course is the best in the area, Pope Park is one of the better ones. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, it keeps on getting brighter and brighter.

I don't see any big project coming our way. The community center and the library project is the end of the tunnel. Every person in Acushnet should feel proud of themselves for a job well done

I myself would like to say "thank you, Acushnet."

Leo Rousseau, former Selectperson

Haworth owes back taxes?

I am a lifelong Fairhaven resident. Like many of other people in Fairhaven I struggle to pay my taxes, water and sewer bill. I see that Geoffrey Haworth is running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

It has come to my attention that Mr. Haworth owes back taxes to the Town of Fairhaven and to the United States Government. I think it only fair that if we all must pay taxes, Mr. Haworth should pay his taxes as well, before he tries and/or wants to be a Selectman in the Town of Fairhaven and raise everybody else's fees and taxes.

Kathleen Parker, Fairhaven

Haworth should pay taxes

I am writing this letter urging the voters of Fairhaven to vote for Dr. Bowcock and re-elect him to the

board of selectmen. Dr. Bowcock has 25 years of public service and his experience and knowledge is what this town needs during these difficult times. Dr. Bowcock has helped to keep taxes low and keep Fairhaven affordable.

Dr. Bowcock's opponent needs to pay his back taxes. Geoffrey Haworth should pay his back taxes before he thinks about being a selectman and raising my taxes.

Patricia Suddy, Fairhaven

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Haworth has paid his personal property taxes on his business. He said his move to another address caused some confusion. As for his IRS back taxes, he said he never owed the amount in question; it was an error due to the IRS's double-counting his receipts for two years. He said the situation has been rectified.

*By Beth David
Editor*

Fairhaven Building Inspector and Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin was disciplined by the Selectboard in December for overpaying himself since 2008. According to Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock, Mr. Fostin is supposed to be paid a stipend for his role as Conservation Agent for 47 weeks out of the year. The remaining five weeks are his paid vacation for his job at Building Inspector.

The problem came to light in the fall when Mr. Fostin asked for more money for his department for a secretary. When he appeared in front of the Finance Committee, chairperson John Roderiques pointed out that Mr. Fostin's budget had not been cut and it included money for a secretary.

According to Dr. Bowcock, that

Fostin disciplined

prompted an investigation and the problem was found.

According to the minutes for the December 17, 2012 executive session, Mr. Fostin has received about \$1,000 extra each year. The board decided it was a clerical error and accepted Mr. Fostin's explanation that his personal issues of the last 3.5 years made him not as "sharp." He said he thought payroll would catch an error like that.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was a clerical error," said Dr. Bowcock.

He said that during that time the department did not always have a secretary, and he faulted the finance director's office with not catching it.

"But Wayne's the department head. He's responsible," said Dr. Bowcock. "He should've caught it. He was disciplined."

Mr. Fostin served a four-day suspension on consecutive Wednesdays

in January and is paying back the \$4,234.47 evenly over the course of six months, according to the minutes.

"It will be fully paid back by June 30th," said Mr. Fostin.

He said he gets paid every week to be the enforcement agent for Conservation, except when he is on vacation.

"It didn't get picked up [by payroll]. I just got paid the same amount as every other week," said Mr. Fostin.

He said the initial amount was prepared by a secretary and it accidentally got put down as the same each week.

He said in the past, mistakes "used to be caught downstairs," but they missed it.

"And with the personal things I was going through, it kind of slipped by me, too."



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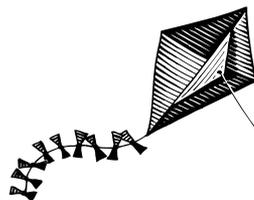
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Candidate statements: Selectboard



Brian Bowcock

We live in interesting times. Challenging and exciting. I want to thank the people of Fairhaven for giving me the privilege and opportunity to serve as their selectmen. I ask for your support and vote on April 1 so that we may continue moving Fairhaven in a positive direction.

When I was first elected to the Selectboard in 1999, one of the first actions I was involved in was the dedication of the new Phoenix bike path. This year, we will dedicate our new state-of-the-art model elementary school. Together, we have accomplished many things. I am proud of the people I have served with and I am proud of the accomplishments we have made together.

However, the challenges ahead are daunting. I believe that my experience and leadership will help us to deal with the many issues that this community is faced with.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue stated "conservative budgeting practices and tight expenditure controls has been carried forward over the last decade and served the town well. In comparison to other communities across the state, Fairhaven's overall tax burden is relatively low."

Low taxes, well-run community. It does not happen by accident. Together as a team we have been successful in Fairhaven.

Moody's credit rating has given Fairhaven the highest rating of any community in the Southcoast. We have had three bond rating increases in the last 10 years. Moody's investors service stated Fairhaven has "solid financial operations, with strong reserves, a manageable debt burden and a stable tax base."

What about the future? Strong leadership, experience and commitment is what is needed to help guide Fairhaven into the future. I believe I am that candidate. I have been involved with Fairhaven town government for 25 years.

As we try to improve town government, based on recommendations of the Department of Revenue division of local services it will take knowledge, experience, and seasoned leadership to keep Fairhaven moving in a positive direction.

I thank you for your past support, and I ask for your vote on April 1, 2013.



Geoffrey Haworth

Geoffrey Haworth, current Board of Public Works commissioner and former BPW chairman for 3 years, officially announced his candidacy for the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen.

Fairhaven voters gave me the opportunity to serve on the BPW for the past 5 years. I am proud of the work I have been able to accomplish

with my colleagues during my time on the BPW, but there is still much more to do in Fairhaven. That is why I am seeking a seat on the Board of Selectmen. I will continue my role being fair and open minded and will continue to build on my experience to better serve the residents of Fairhaven.

If elected I will bring fairness to the selectmen's office. Every resident will have a voice in the selectmen's office no matter who they are. I will treat all town residents fairly and equally.

I will bring openness to the office. Town residents have a right to know what is going on in our town and I will make sure they do.

Our town lacks communication within the town government, between boards, committees, departments and, most importantly, with the town residents. I will work with my fellow Selectmen to build those lines of communication. I will hold town hall office hours to meet with residents and listen to their comments and concerns. I will be approachable and always open minded.

I will bring new ideas and an outside the box approach to the Selectmen's office. I will work to find creative, new and innovative ways of maintaining town services and staff while operating within operating budget constraints. I will work with my fellow Selectmen on the DOR recommendations which could bring major change to Fairhaven Town Government.

For the past five years I have shown a strong commitment to the BPW and to Fairhaven, missing only one meeting during Super Storm Sandy due to serving in my capacity with the Acushnet EMA. I will show that same dedication and commitment to the Board of Selectmen.

I grew up in Fairhaven and have lived here my entire life. My parents still live in my childhood home. I own a small business in town which, like many, has taken a hit since the start of the recession. I have worn many hats in the community over the years. I have been a town meeting member for most of my adult life. I was on the Little League Board of Directors for many years; I have and will continue to coach baseball. Many of you met me while I was managing the concession stand the last couple of years. I have been a Call Firefighter and have worked with the EMA in Fairhaven and Acushnet. I have served on the Board of Public Works for the past five years which, by town bylaw, limits me to serving on just that board and in no other capacity for the town. I serve in our neighboring community of Acushnet as EMA Field Supervisor. I recently served as CubMaster of Cub Scout Pack 52 in Fairhaven. Community service is what I do.

Many ask "why," I ask "why not?" I'm young but experienced, I'm energetic and creative. I enjoy being part of the solution, not part of the problem. We need people who want to get involved and I enjoy being involved. I have what it takes to be your next selectman and I ask for your support in getting me there.

I respectfully ask for your vote on April 1st

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Trey Whalley recognized by Boston Magazine

Press Release

For the third year in a row, Boston Magazine has named Trey H. Whalley, CFA a "Five Star Wealth Manager."

The list of 2013 FIVE STAR Wealth Managers is an exclusive group. This year they represent less than four percent of the wealth managers in the greater Boston area. The list appears in the February 2013 edition of the magazine.

Trey is a longtime resident of Fairhaven where he lives with his wife and two daughters. An advocate for community service, he is a past President of both the Fairhaven Improvement Association and the Fairhaven Rotary Club. He has a long career in the investment management industry, holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the Boston Securities Analyst Society. He is also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

The object of the FIVE STAR program is to discover wealth managers in the area who are known to provide quality service to all their

clients. FIVE STAR Award candidates were identified for the program using internal and external research data, including a survey of more than 10,100 registered financial services professionals. Only those award candidates who were found to provide exceptional quality services and satisfied the ten wealth management evaluation criteria were named 2013 Five Star Wealth Managers.

The FIVE STAR Program is managed by Five Star Professional of Eagan, Minnesota, which owns the licensing rights to this award. Five Star Professional, a customer satisfaction rating company, works with prominent city and regional magazines and business publications to present the FIVE STAR Award to professionals in many industries throughout the United States. The FIVE STAR Award is given in order to assist consumers in selecting a service professional who has been nominated for exceptional client satisfaction by other consumers.

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Boston Magazine has named Fairhaven resident Trey Whalley a Five Star Wealth Manager for the third consecutive year. *Photo submitted.*

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District Attorney's Office after receiving reports of a person allegedly harvesting shellfish illegally from a superfund site in Fairhaven. Because of concerns that the shellfish were harvested for commercial purposes, and of the potential for contaminated products to be sold to the public, the department was able to assist the D.A.'s office in conducting a raid in New Bedford that netted evidence of other illegal activities, said Mr. Darmofal.

The selectboard accepted an additional request to allow the Department of Natural Resources to host a one-day "Intro to Quahog" workshop in conjunction with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, teaching first-time shellfishers how to harvest quahogs. The Coalition has run similar workshops for youth successfully in the past, said Mr. Cox, and such classes have been popular.

Selectboard chair Brian Bowcock humorously suggested having workshop participants practice their skills by helping collect and more contaminated shellfish to closed areas to expedite the town's clean up efforts.

In another matter the selectboard

read a citation for USMC Capt. Christopher Roy, who was deployed to Afghanistan from July 2012 to February 2013, thanking him for his service and welcoming him home.

Other matters before the board included a vote to authorize Dr. Bowcock authority to sign paperwork on behalf of the town pertaining to an application for the Massachusetts Historical Commission for funds to preserve windows at the High School, and a vote allowing Town Planner Bill Roth to transfer leftover Community Development Block Grant funds from the completed Spring Street project to CDBG housing rehabilitation projects.

The board also amended the town's contract with Block Grant consultants Breezeway Farm, allowing Mr. Roth to release funds from the Planning/Economic Development contractual services budget to pay for services rendered.

The selectboard approved a request from the Board of Public Works for permission to deficit spend up to \$20,000 for snow and ice removal, and another \$20,000 for overtime; the request now goes to the Finance Committee for approval.

The first official draft of the selectboard's policies and procedures manual was accepted, with the understanding that the document is a work in progress and other sections will be added in the near future. The policy manual will be available for public viewing at Town Hall.

The board also:

- Approved poll workers for the April 1st annual town election, April 30th special state primary, and the June 25th special state election;
- Approved the use of Town Hall auditorium for a performance of "The Odd Couple" June 6-9
- Announced a vacancy for an assistant electrical wiring inspector position.

Agenda items regarding the FY14 budget, dredge boat permits, fees related to SRPEDD's GeoTMS system, and a resident's complaints about surcharges for paying tax bills online, were all postponed to the March 11th selectboard meeting.

The board convened in executive session to discuss issues pertaining to the Seaport Inn, and did not reconvene in open session.

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