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Candidates face the camera, questions



Fairhaven candidates wait their turn at the podium at the candidates night held by the Government Access station, channel 18, at the Senior Center on Wednesday, 3/6. Back row, L-R: Planning Board candidates Cathy Melanson and John Farrell. Front Row, L-R: Selectboard candidates Brian Bowcock (incumbent) and Geoffrey Haworth; Stasia Powers, School Committee (incumbent); Diane Hahn, School Committee candidate; Board of Health candidates Peter DeTerra (incumbent) and John Wethington. Not pictured, incumbent School Committee candidate Bernard Roderick, who was at the podium. See story on page 16. *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. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I am loving this change-the-clocks-forward thing. Ah, springtime...almost here. Still a bit chilly out there, though. Not quite motorcycle weather (for me, anyway).

The election season is heating up. It's going to be crazy at this little sheet until after the election, so don't be insulted if I push all else out of the way until then. I'm not forgetting you, just need to prioritize.

We have candidates nights galore, I'm moderating two and covering one and just having fun at one. See page 3 for Acushnet's coming up and page 6 for Fairhaven's.

I hope you'll all take some time to learn about the candidates. It's so easy with today's technology. Besides the excellent coverage in the Neighb News, you also have the option of watching debates on government access or on the Internet by way of links from both towns' website.

Ah, technology.

Speaking of which...the Fairhaven government access site was down for about a day and a half last week.

Conspiracy theories flew around as fast as lightning.

Really? Really, people, you think it was done on purpose? I get that people want to watch it live, but c'mon, your cable goes out all the time. Does it really matter if you have to wait a day every now and then to see a meeting? It's not like they meet every day.

Calm down, it's not a big deal. It's all back online. You may watch to your heart's delight.

We goofed on our cover story last week. I could've sworn Mike Silvia said "dang" and not "damn." Really. Ah well, he usually mumbles, so I can usually blame him for it, but that night he didn't mumble. Must've been something that interfered with my ears.

I should have asked him, though. A word like that is pretty strange. Had one of my reporters sent that in, I probably would've confirmed it with the speaker. But I didn't. So much for taking my own advice.

Now, about those candidates nights. I need questions! I don't have any questions from the public for Acushnet. We might have some for Fairhaven, I don't get those until the night of the event. Either way, send 'em in! I want to know what's on your mind so I ask the questions that are important to you.

We have lots of good stuff in this week's issue, meeting coverage, candidates' statements, political ads, the whole shebang. So be sure to thumb through and check out each page

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Until next week then,
See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the NFIA banquet last week, we misquoted Michael Silvia in his acceptance speech. He never said "dang," opting for the more modern "damn." In a written message, Mr. Silvia said, "Who do you think I am, Granpa Jones from 'Hee Haw'?" We apologize for catapulating Mr. Silvia back to the 1970s, and hope it did not cause too much confusion or too many guffaws among our astute readers.

Police holding recruitment open house

Sunday, 3/16, at noon

Ever thought of being a police officer? Here's your chance to learn all the details.

The Fairhaven police department is strongly encouraging candidates to take the next civil service exam to be eligible for hire as an entry level police officer. The exam is scheduled for April 20th and will be held at numerous locations throughout the state. The **deadline to sign up for the exam is March 18th**. Anyone interested in taking the exam can apply online at www.mass.gov which is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website.

An open house will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, March 17th, at the Fairhaven Police Department for the purpose of recruiting eligible applicants to take the next exam. Anyone interested in joining the ranks of the Fairhaven Police Department is invited to attend.

The open house will serve as a forum to provide information about the Fairhaven Police Department and to answer questions about the

requirements for becoming an officer. An overview of the department along with a short video will be presented and an explanation of the steps in the hiring process will be discussed. For more information, please contact Sergeant Kevin Kobza at 508-997-7421.

Some of the requirements to be a Fairhaven Police Officer are:

Candidates must be 21 years of age at the time of the exam; possess a high school or general equivalency diploma; be a resident of the town of Fairhaven; have no criminal convictions; have a valid Massachusetts driver's license with a good driving record; be able to successfully complete an in-depth background investigation, pass a physical and psychological screening, complete a physical abilities test and graduate from a Massachusetts approved police recruit training academy.

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Acushnet voters: submit questions to Selectbd candidates

Acushnet residents may submit questions for a candidates 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 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.

The Acushnet Council on Aging will also host the candidates on **Thursday, 3/21, at the Acushnet Senior Center, 59 1/2 South Main St., at 7 p.m.**



We, Brian Wood, Mike Silvia and Ron Manzone, were proud to serve with Brian Bowcock on the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen. Brian is a hard worker who devotes countless hours for the benefit of the people of Fairhaven. With his leadership skills and experience, Brian can make the hard decisions needed to move Town Government in a positive direction. Please join us in voting for Brian Bowcock for Selectman on April 1.

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FinCom continues to crunch numbers with departments

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Snow, sleet, and rain could not keep Chairperson John Roderiques and the rest of the Fairhaven Finance Committee from meeting on 3/7 with the Board of Public Works, although Mr. Roderiques let his heart-light shine and forewent his usual diatribes at the end of the meeting to let board members leave early because of deteriorating road conditions.

Yes, Fairhaven, I do have a heart, said Mr. Roderiques.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado, who chose a front row seat farthest from the chairman, duly noted by Mr. Roderiques, breezed through his \$153,000 level-funded administration budget, up \$2,000 from FY13.

Committee members Teresa Szala and Scott Fernandes fussed over the inappropriate placement of mileage reimbursement under the wrong line item, a "technical accounting matter" Mr. Roderiques said could be rectified by putting mileage under the "other charges and expenses" line item and not under "purchase of services."

Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau presented the mostly level-funded \$109,000 Parks Division budget, followed by the Highway Department budget at \$2,085,000.

Mr. Charbonneau is seeking to increase the overtime line item which had been cut back in the past. The Highway Department also needs a new \$172,000 six-wheel dump truck.

There is a significant rise in the Street Resurfacing line item which, according to Mr. Charbonneau, is due to an increase in the cost of asphalt. The price has reached \$84 per ton up from \$47.90 in recent years.

There was some confusion over a discrepancy in salary budget totals across the different sheets, which was also an issue throughout the Water and Sewer Divisions budgets.

On some finance sheets the salary line item reflected a 2.5% increase due to longevity and the 1% town-wide pay raise, yet another finance sheet submitted to the committee reflected a 4.5% increase.

"We have to figure out what the right figure is at one point," Mr. Roderiques said, taking a big sip from his Double Gulp soda.

Another issue that popped up was a line item for the Employee

Assistance Program (EAP), a mental health service that was at one time offered to other departments until it was cut from the budget. The DPW agreed to remove it.

Discussion continued over leaf collection and the salary budget line, followed by questions from the committee.

"Anything else?" Mr. Roderiques asked, indicating that it was time to move on. "I'm not trying to speed you up," he said, "but I'm trying to speed you up."

Mr. Roderiques told the departments to be prepared for budget cuts.

"I'd love to give you a million dollars to do the roads if I could," said Mr. Roderiques. He then gave the department heads an ominous ultimatum.

"If you don't cut back on infrastructure, you got to cut back on bodies," he said, adding, "just

Just because no one's
beaten up your budget
today doesn't mean
nothing is going to happen
[John Roderiques]

because no one's beaten up your budget today doesn't mean nothing is going to happen."

Sewer/Wastewater Superintendent Linda Schick started off her presentation of the department's \$2 million budget with bellowing laughter, prompting Mr. Roderiques to comment, "She must have something really bad."

She began with the 2% salary increase, adding that most line items remained level-funded. She said the Contractor Assistance line item increased \$7,900 because of the rising need for more frequent testing, mainly the anaerobic digester.

She said a vehicle will need to be replaced at \$40,000, and 20 30-year-old valves throughout the plant need replacement.

The department also wants funding for equipment for a new intercom system. She said the staff

electrician will install the system.

FinCom member Padraic Elliot asked Ms. Schick when the town would start seeing savings from the new digester.

She said they are already estimating a \$60,000 savings, the conservative projection, in sludge removal.

Water Superintendent Edward Fortin told FinCom during his brief presentation that within his \$1.8 million budget, Contractor Assistance went up \$20,000.

Ms. Schick enthusiastically volunteered to be the first to go over her articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, commenting, "Hey, I don't get out much."

One article requests \$80,000 for the Water Pollution Control Facility, a pending project waiting for the approval of a Nitrogen permit from the state.

The discussion got interesting when Mr. Charbonneau explained the article requesting \$466,000 for road work for seven streets.

"Pick two," Mr. Roderiques told him, because the Finance Committee was only going to recommend about \$250,000 to \$350,000 to Town Meeting.

Mr. Roderiques joked that it was like playing the lottery.

"Pick two and see if you get lucky." "That would be the [BPW's] decision," said Mr. Charbonneau.

"North, Cooke, and Dogwood," said Mr. Furtado. "The board (BPW) voted and that's what they voted."

Another article requests \$445,000 for Sewer System Collection Rehab to repair sections on streets that are "the most imminent to collapse," rating five on a scale of one to five.

Ms. Schick added that part of the requested money is for a camera system to monitor the sewer system. With cameras, town workers could assess the condition of the sewers. She said it would save the town "thousands and thousands and thousands."

Mr. Roderiques balked at the vagueness of her assessment.

Mr. Furtado explained an article requesting \$200,000 to replace about 40 hydrants. FinCom member Him Hyland wondered why they could not fix hydrants as they break.

Mr. Fortin explained that some of the hydrants were 100 years old and parts are not available. ●●●

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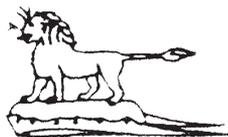
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Candidates nights

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.

WIIA

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual Candidates' Night on **Wednesday, 3/27, at 7 p.m., at the Community House, 41 Causeway Road.**

Candidates have been invited to participate and share their views regarding the upcoming election to be held on Monday, 4/1. All are welcome to come and meet the candidates and get their questions answered. Refreshments will be provided immediately following the presentations.

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.

Free Puppet Show

PACE Child Care Works presents "Old Favorites." Join the fun as Sparky's Puppets performs "Old Favorites" at **TLC Play and Learn Campus, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 3/14.**

The show will include *Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Gingerbread Man*, and much more!

After the show, make a set of stick puppets for your own show.

Free event. Families welcome. RSVP appreciated, but not necessary. You will be sitting on the carpet during the show, so please feel free to bring a blanket for your comfort.

For more information, contact Jacquie Sampson, 508-999-9930, Ext. 102, jsampson@paceccw.org

VFW Vendor fair

See ad on page 5

Police Recruitment

The Fairhaven Police department is holding an open house to recruit people to become police officers. See page 3 for details.

Meet the Author

Local mystery writer Mary Kruger will be a guest speaker on **Thursday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. at the Millicent Library's Book Discussion Group.** The mystery books "Knit Fast, Die Young" and "Died in the Wool," revolving around the skill of knitting,

makes these stories only one of the unique qualities of her writing. Ms. Kruger includes local, recognizable communities in her adventurous plots.

She has written 19 romance novels under the pseudonym Mary Kingsley and has received numerous awards and nominations for awards. All are welcome to attend this free, morning event. Please use the Walnut Street entrance to the Millicent Library's meeting room. Accessible. For more information please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Book appraiser

See page 10 for details.

Indoor Yard Sale

Indoor Yard Sale: The FHS Class of 2016 will hold a Community Yard Sale, **Saturday, March 23rd 10:00-2:00 in the FHS gymnasium.** Rent a 10'x10' floor space with or without a table, prices vary. No commercial vendors.

Contact Lorrie Fernandes 508-979-4051 ext. 1015 for more information or an application form.

Scallop Supper

The 10th annual scallop supper will be held on **Friday, 3/22, at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$12, and orders are available to go. Tickets are available at St. Mary's Church rectory, M-F, 9-12 or by calling Robin Canastra, 508-997-9019. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Pantry and St. Mary's Church.

Blood Drive

The Southcoast Health Van will be in Fairhaven for a blood drive on **Tuesday, March 19, South Coast Business Center, 200 Mill Road, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** For more info, call 508-961-5320 or visit www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/.

Bereavement Group

Southcoast VNA, is offering a free bereavement program for grieving adults on Tuesday, March 19, from 4 to 5:15 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Avenue.

For more info call 800-698-6877 or visit www.southcoastvna.org.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

NB Half Marathon

Hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and with enthusiastic support and assistance from Mayor Jon Mitchell and the City of New Bedford, the New Bedford Half Marathon will be held on Sunday, 3/17.

Race starts at 11 a.m. sharp and leaves from Purchase Street in downtown New Bedford. People will have ample opportunity to watch the race in progress. Spectators can watch the beginning of the race on Purchase Street, walk down Union street to approximately the five mile mark (Rockdale Ave) and then walk back to the finish.

Another place for spectators is at the top of the County Street hill (around the 12.2 mile mark) – from this vantage point spectators will appreciate the make-or-break point for the runners as they near the end of the course.

Many make this trek between the start, the five mile mark and return to catch the County Street hill, then the finish on Purchase Street.

For details, visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com/>

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.

- **3/20: 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.

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, 3/15 – 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.

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

Interns Available

The Inner City Youth Foundation is looking for paid internships for high school and college students repairing and maintaining computers.

The New Bedford based foundation teaches students office and workplace skills. For more information, call Shirley at 774-992-0089

At Whale Park

The following events will be held at the New Bedford Whaling National Park's visitor's center, 33 William St., New Bedford. Visit www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org or www.nps.gov

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Make a Pinwheel

What in the world is a whirligig? It's an object that spins or whirls, or has at least one part that spins or whirls. It is also known as a pinwheel. Pinwheels can be used as toys and also as simple machines. Find out more about this amazing little invention and make a pinwheel of your own on **Thursday, March 14, 6-8 p.m. on AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) night** at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

Candidates night

The public is invited to a candidates night at the Acushnet Community Center on Tuesday, 3/19. See page 3 for details.

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.**

Corned Beef Dinner

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner on **Sat. Mar. 16 at Smith Neck Friends Meeting** sponsored by the Apponegansett Men's Fellowship. The menu includes boiled carrots, onions and potatoes, with beverages and dessert.

The proceeds will go toward the "Fowl Friends" project to help reestablish the Bobwhite Quail in this area. The proceeds from last year's supper provided funding for the surrogate, a self-contained field unit that will help establish the young birds. The surrogate acts as a parent by providing food, water, warmth and protection for baby birds first five weeks.

The members of the men's group will start serving **dinner at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.** For tickets, please call 508-264-5465 or 508-994-5816. Smith Neck Friends is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road, Dartmouth. Accessible.

SC Bikeway

The South Coast Bikeway committee, which represents communities from Wareham to Swansea, is sponsoring the South Coast Bikeway Summit-Economic Impact of Rail-

Trails. Guest speakers include: Rails to Trails Expert Craig Della Penna, John Walkey (T4MA) from Transportation for Mass. Building Tomorrow's Prosperity, and Representative Bill Straus, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. The summit will be held on **Thursday March 28, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the UMass Law School at 333 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth.** Register on line at southcoastbikeway.com or call SRPEDD at 508-824-1367.

WRWA Annual mtg

The Westport River Watershed Alliance will hold its annual meeting on **Sat., Mar. 16, at 2 p.m., at Westport Grange Hall, 931 Main Road, Westport, westportwatershed.org/**

Scott Horsley of the Horsley Witten Group will be speaking about the possible sources of coliform bacteria that have closed the upper West Branch of the Westport River to shellfishing since 2009. He will also discuss the potential stormwater management tools that can be used to correct the problem.

Scott Horsley is President and CEO at Horsley & Witten, Inc., a consulting firm which works throughout the U.S. and abroad for both public and private clients on water resources science and management projects. His areas of interest and research include delineation methods for critical water resources protection areas, carrying capacity analysis of watersheds, and innovative water management strategies. Scott currently serves as a principal instructor for a nationwide series of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency training workshops and watershed management.

Volunteers needed

The 31st annual Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak race will be returning on Sunday April 28, 2013 and is in search of volunteers to help staff the race. Nearly 200 volunteers are needed to help set up the race, check in paddlers, direct boat traffic through portages, check boat numbers, post results and all other details that make the Run of the Charles such a success each year! Volunteers make a meaningful contribution, have lots of fun, and

receive a commemorative T-shirt and the appreciation of CRWA and all the paddlers

For more information on sponsorship, registration or any other aspect of the race, please call (508) 698-6810, e-mail rotc@crwa.org or visit www.charlesriver.org.

Music Scholarship

The Sippican Choral Society is accepting applications for a Music Scholarship. Members of the Class of 2013 from Southeastern Massachusetts who plan to study music in college are invited to apply. Consideration will also be given to students who plan to continue participation in choral singing while in college. Applications are available from high school music directors/choral directors. Applications can also be requested and submitted by email: osuch1@aol.com. Recipients may reapply while in college with proof of continued matriculation in a music program. For more information visit: www.sippicanchoral.org.

Family Fun Fest

Introduce children to the magic of live theatre at the new state-of-the-art Ocean State Theatre in Warwick! Ocean State Theatre Company's Family Fun Fest features a variety of performances, being held on select Saturday mornings through May.

March 16, 11:30 a.m. OSTC Players present *The Fabulous Fable Factory*. Monroe wanders into a seemingly abandoned factory and accidentally trips a lever, which activates the living factory of fable makers. The factory has been idle for over 2,000 years, because it has been missing the most important part — the "Moral Maker."

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The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Tickets are \$10.00, on sale at the box office Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon – 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon – 4:00 pm. 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.

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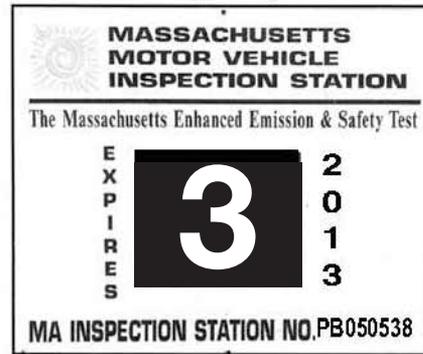
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Recipe of the Week

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- 2/3 c. Sweetened flaked coconut
- 1/4 c. Honey
- 1/4 c. light corn syrup
- 1/3 c. Creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 c. Chocolate chips
- 2 T. Unsweetened cocoa
- 3 c. Corn flakes, lightly crushed

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Place a small skillet over med- high heat. Add coconut and toast, stirring until light golden, 3-4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; let cool.

In a medium saucepan over med heat, combine honey, corn syrup and peanut butter. Bring to a boil, stirring, then remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips and cocoa.

Continue stirring until chocolate chips have melted, then stir in cereal and toasted coconut until well coated. Drop by T. onto baking sheet and refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes.

(Can swap a different cereal or chopped nuts for coconut. So yummy!!!! Enjoy!! Bevy Lussier

Is there value in your old books?

Press Release

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing section will give a free and open talk **Thursday March 21 at 6:00 P.M.** entitled "Is There Value in Your Old and Rare Books?" at the **Millicent Library**, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The Brattle Book Shop is one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. 2013 is the 64th year of Gloss family ownership. Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well known figure both in Boston and national antiquarian circles. He had worked in the store since childhood and chose to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father's death several years ago.

"I found that books were in my blood and that I would never be really happy if I abandoned the business."

Gloss will bring to the lecture several examples of notable books, magazines and ephemera from the store's private collection, such as a 1912 World Series scorecard and examples of old LIFE Magazines.

"New England homes are treasure troves for old and rare books that have increased in value over the years," says Gloss.

Following the talk and question-and-answer session he shall give free verbal appraisals of all books and documents that attendees have brought with them

or will do so anytime at his 9 West Street emporium in downtown Boston.

Among the many organizations in which Kenneth Gloss is a member are the Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, the New England Antiquarian Booksellers of America, the Mass. and Rhode Island Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Committee for the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair and the Boston Society. He also is a Fellow of the Mass. Historical Society and serves on the Board of Overseers of the USS Constitution Museum.

The Brattle Book Shop is proud to have been a contributor to the WGBH Annual Auction each year. Gloss has been a guest appraiser on PBS's Antiques Roadshow numerous times over the years and has been a popular guest on WBZ Radio as well as other radio, TV and cable stations. His bylined articles continue to appear in various antique journals and in print and online consumer publications. The Brattle Book Shop is also the recipient of several "Best of Boston" awards in the categories of Best Book Shop or Best Antiquarian Book Shop plus it has been included in a list as one of North America's best bookstores.

For further information about this talk, book-collecting, appraisals and future free and open talks, please call the Brattle Book Shop at 1-800-447-9595 or visit www.brattlebookshop.com.

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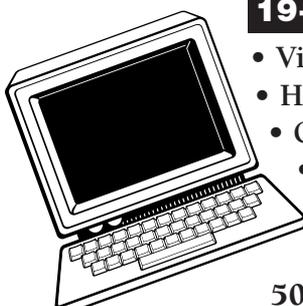
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Letters from our readers

Community Center taught many lessons

I am writing on behalf of the Acushnet Community Center/Library project.

Back in January of 2000, I saw an article in the Advocate saying that the center would be offering a Mom & child playgroup on Thursday mornings. To my surprise it was a free program. So on the first Thursday in February 2000, I packed up my 2½ year old son and 3 month old daughter and entered the Acushnet Community Center for the first time ever.

At the time, I was a stay-at-home mom and excited at the thought of my son being able to meet friends his own age. When we walked in, I was so happy to see other children clinging to their mother's arm like my son was doing to mine. After the first ten minutes my son was off and exploring with his new friends and the unfamiliar toys. It was perfect. My son was with new friends, and I was having conversations about something more than trying to reason why it was important to wash your hands after going potty or why saying "please" and "thank you" were good manners.

Leaving the Center that day I looked forward to the following week when I would see these new friends again. As the weeks passed into months then into years, us moms really got to know each other and formed friendships which to this day mean something very special to me.

I was grateful for the Community Center and the opportunity it gave me to meet such wonderful people in town. I started volunteering as a chaperone for the dances 10 years ago, and I am still doing it to this day.

For several years the Community Center let some of us from the original playgroup use the Center as a teaching opportunity for our children. Our kids set up an "Alex's Lemonade Stand" for pediatric cancer research. Through the years our kids ended up sending more than \$6,000 to Cancer research. If it wasn't for the Center opening its doors for them, I don't think the kids would have been able to raise that amount of money. They also learned that giving is such an important lesson in life.

Through the years all of my children (I now have 3) have known

the Community Center because it has always been a part of their lives, whether it was for playgroup, cooking classes, community shows or events, AYAA sign ups, girl scouts, lemonade stands, self-defense classes, monthly dances and even just going with my husband or with me to vote.

The Community Center group of wonderful volunteers has been giving their time and commitment to Acushnet for 15 years and are gracefully getting tired since they get no funding from the town and must raise \$1,200 each month to pay their bills.

This Community Center/Library project will open up the doors to bringing so much to our town, such as bringing back playgroup, photography classes, babysitting classes, a place for our youth to go and use computers or even just to hang out with their friends after school. It could even be possible to rent out rooms for baby showers or birthday parties. We will have the chance to bring endless possibilities to our town.

I believe the Acushnet Community Center has enriched this town and made Acushnet a wonderful place to raise my family. I encourage you to vote for the Community Center/Library project on the April 1st ballot and save the Community Center.

Justine Reed, Acushnet

WTs "experiment" unravels

And so the Fairhaven Wind experiment begins to unravel. According to press releases, the company that constructed the Fairhaven wind project seems to be in dire financial straits. A few short years ago Sumul Shah was named Massachusetts Small Business Person of the Year and invited to Washington DC to meet with President Obama to accept the acknowledgment. Today things seem to be a whole lot different.

Lumus Construction is the parent company of Solaya Energy and partnered with Palmer Capital in Fairhaven Wind to construct the two wind turbines in Little Bay. Recent public notices have indicated that Lumus has moved from their offices and auctioned off some of their equipment and facilities. Are these the same offices Shah bragged about, the ones occupied by his turbine master control and monitoring

systems? What has happened to the command center that would monitor and assure safe operation of the Fairhaven turbines twenty four seven? In public meetings Shah's company represented that it was fully responsible for the safe operation of the turbines to include emergency shut downs, fire control and over speed adjustments. Yet public notices indicate that they are auctioning off their equipment due to financial issues!

It was due to the diligence of resident Louise Barteau that an error in the turbine's operation during DEP sound testing on October 15, 2012 was uncovered. Shah and his associates allegedly were unable to control the turbines as required during this testing session. In a letter from Gordon Dean to DEP Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmell it was attributed to a "mechanical error" This "error" produced a lower audible sound level from one of the turbines, rendering the test data from this evening incomplete. Now further testing will be required, delaying the test results, as those living within close proximity continue to experience adverse health effects.

The question must be asked that should Lumus file for bankruptcy, will they be capable of handling the safe operation of the turbines? Is a company that seems to be struggling financially, capable of fully staffing their turbine control operations? Will Shah be capable of keeping current on his lease payments and abiding by the contract entered into with the Town of Fairhaven?

If Fairhaven Wind fails, who in Fairhaven government or public safety is equipped to protect those in close proximity to these turbines? Peter Deterra, the Chairman of Fairhaven's Board of Health, has a clear track record of not acting swiftly on turbine related health and safety issues.

In Scituate, the home of another Solaya operated turbine project, the Selectboard is being asked to consider how Lumus' financial issues could affect the town's taxpayers. Their selectboard has agreed to research the issue. Will Fairhaven's Selectboard Chairman Brian Bowcock move to do the same?

I call on Fairhaven's Selectboard Chairman Brian Bowcock and Board

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Candidates tell their tales at Gov. Access candidates night

By Beth David
Editor

The election season is in full swing, with town elections scheduled for April 1, a mere 18 days away. Fairhaven held the first of its three annual debates on Wednesday, 3/6. Candidates gave opening statements and faced three questions each from a panel that included Anne Kakley, Phil Washko and Marc Scanlon. The event is sponsored annually by the Government Access channel, and is being aired regularly on channel 18 until the next debate on 3/20. It is also available on demand through a link on the town's website.

Incumbent selectboard member and chairperson Brian Bowcock started the night with strong statements for himself and against his opponent, Board of Public Works member Geoffrey Haworth.

The two boards often clash over jurisdiction in various areas.

Dr. Bowcock said he was proud of the town's conservative fiscal management and pointed to several passages in the Department of Revenue report. He said as a finance committee member and a selectboard member he has been part of the team that has kept Fairhaven sound financially for 25 years.

"This is teamwork," said Dr. Bowcock. "This is good financial management."

He said voters had "two distinct choices" between very different candidates.

"Our management styles and government experience could not be more different," said Dr. Bowcock. "There's a stark contrast between myself and my opponent."

He criticized Mr. Haworth for his role in the digester project, the Howland Road project, which he called a "fiasco," and the Alden and Bridge intersection project, saying that Mr. Haworth was responsible for cost overruns and project delays.

"You see a pattern here," said Dr.



Bowcock, and spoke at length about the digester project and its myriad problems.

"Fairhaven is a community, a municipality, but it is also a 50-million-dollar corporation," said Dr. Bowcock. "My opponent ran a concession stand at the Little League."

He said he was capable of helping Fairhaven face the problems of the future.

"We certainly live in interesting times," said Dr. Bowcock. "Fairhaven needs to keep moving in a positive direction."

Dr. Bowcock also reminded voters that the bike path proposal was controversial in 1999, with opponents claiming a drop in property values and health risks; and there was a lawsuit, he said.

"Does that sound familiar?" he asked, making a clear reference to the wind turbines on Arsene Street.

Mr. Haworth, for his part, faced the criticism directly, and with a little humor, even saying, many people know him from running the concession, "as Dr. Bowcock pointed out."

Mr. Haworth said the digester project, with its cost overruns and delays taught him a lot.

As for Alden Road, "I don't ever remember my opponent being involved in that project at all."

He said the project was a great success, costing the town only \$10,000 for a land swap deal to be able to widen the road.

He said there was never any threat that the project would be stopped, as Dr. Bowcock had claimed.

"I've never heard that at all," said Mr. Haworth.

"Not all projects run smoothly, as my opponent pointed out," said Mr. Haworth.

He stressed that the digester project was a joint project of the BPW and the Selectboard. "Every single thing done was with the okay of both [boards]."

"I'm not happy with the way this project has gone...this project has been a great project for me personally," said Mr. Haworth, adding he learned a lot about negotiation and other aspects of managing a big project.

"Situations like this are learning experiences that help prepare me for future endeavors," said Mr. Haworth.

He said he wanted to bring a "different approach to issues," to create more openness on the selectboard.

As for the DOR recommendations, he said he wanted to create a government study committee to decide if the recommendations are good for Fairhaven.

"I will continue my role of being fair and open minded," said Mr. Haworth. "I



ABOVE: John Wethington, a candidate for Fairhaven Board of Health speaks at the Government Access candidates night on 3/6. He is challenging incumbent Peter DeTerra (below). Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

want to be part of the solution, not the problem."

During the question and answer period, Dr. Bowcock said the biggest challenge for the town was its annual challenge: "We don't have enough money to do the things we want to do."

He said a selectboard member had to be "versatile" and be there "for all the people."

Mr. Haworth said that one thing he learned was to "always do your homework."

That is why he wanted to study the DOR recommendations instead of doing something "premature."

The School Committee race has three candidates for two seats. Incumbents Bernard Roderick and Stasia Powers face challenger Diane Hahn.

Stasia Powers told voters that she has three children in the Fairhaven Public School system, her oldest a freshman in high school, the middle one in fourth grade, and the youngest about to start kindergarten.

"As a busy mother of three, I am uniquely qualified to understand the needs of all the schools' grade levels," she said, adding that the constant pressure on the budget called for experience to understand what to do and what to cut.

"I believe I am well suited to make the case for supporting this year's school budget," said Ms. Powers. "And, if necessary, to make those difficult decisions."

When asked which cuts in the past she felt were hardest, she said the administration had done a great job of "minimizing the impact" of cuts on

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students, and she would like to see counseling and adjustment services be restored to full time.

Bernard Roderick, stressed his experience as a teacher, administrator and superintendent in Fairhaven Schools.

He said the schools were in an "upward projectory" and listed honors and achievements of the district and its students.

"I will use sound judgement to ensure our school system continues on this upwardly mobile path."

Mr. Roderick said that the cuts so far have caused only minor weaknesses, but if cuts continue, the district will see larger class sizes. He also said the technology was getting old and needed updating. He said the system had an obligation to keep up with technology for students to compete.

Diane Hahn said she was the mother of two special needs students and felt that the special needs community was misunderstood and underrepresented. She said that in the "race to the top" program some students were not "even able to come to the track."

She said it did not make her a one issue candidate, however, because every aspect of life involves people of varying abilities who deserve to be accommodated to reach their full potential. She said the same goes for the committee, which would benefit from her perspective.

When asked how to pay for the services, Ms. Hahn replied that it was more a matter of when we pay.

"It's how you want to pay for it, now or in the future," she said and gave examples of students who did not learn life skills and were institutionalized or lived on disability their whole lives, all paid for by taxpayers.

She said we should teach students what they need to know now, "so people can be independent in the future and be contributing members of our community."



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The Board of Health race had its share of controversy when challenger John Wethington made his views on the wind turbines clear.

Incumbent Peter DeTerra started out, telling voters he is a lifelong resident of Fairhaven.

"I've always taken my position very seriously on the board," said Mr. DeTerra. "I love this town and because of that I'm a member of and active in many organizations."

He said during his time on the board recycling has increased dramatically in town, the board instituted a mercury exchange, needle drop, and other programs.

Mr. Wethington made it clear he was an opponent of the wind turbines on Arsene Street. He said he was not a member of Windwise, but they are supporting his campaign.

"They are citizens in this town and they are suffering," said Mr. Wethington. "If you don't believe they are suffering, I do."

He said there were many things the town could do to make Fairhaven less friendly to wind.

Mr. Wethington also stressed his credentials as an RN, and said the board's job should be "to educate, to educate, to educate."

As an RN, he would be able to actually give the shots at flu clinics, he said and decried the rate of obesity in the schools.

He said the town should be going into residents' homes, especially the elderly, to teach them about the dangers of storing old antibiotics and other common dangers.

"All I want to do is help this town and serve this community," said Mr. Wethington.

The Planning Board has two seats up for election with two candidates, but it also has one unexpired term up for election, with two people running for it.

John Farrell was appointed to fill the seat until the election. Cathy Melanson, who also asked to be appointed to the term, is also running for the seat.

Mr. Farrell, a property manager, told voters he had an interest in serving the town with an emphasis on quality of life.

He said he would be unbiased and he was "looking forward to using my work experience and skill set" in the position.

Mr. Farrell also said that he has a "vast knowledge" of public housing due to his work experience.

Ms. Melanson, who owns Emma Jean's, said she is a life long resident of Fairhaven and has volunteered with many



ABOVE: Cathy Melanson, candidate for Fairhaven Planning Board makes a point at the Government Access candidates night on 3/6 at the Senior Center. She faces John Farrell (below) for an unexpired term that Mr. Farrell was appointed to fill until the election on April 1. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

organizations.

She said her difficulties in getting her business up and running were due to resistance she received from "Town Hall."

Ms. Melanson has been vocal in other venues about the lack of guidelines for business owners looking to locate in town or renovate.

She said she will work with the planning board to expedite the permitting process for businesses.

She also stressed that Route 6 has a lot of older developments and that the town needs a long range plan keeping those places in mind.

She said the board cannot control everything, but it can control what new development will "look like."

"I would like to keep the charm of Fairhaven and I know it can be done," said Ms. Melanson.

During the question-and-answer period, Mr. Farrell said he felt that Fairhaven was "very business friendly."

He said he had met some "wonderful folks" while campaigning and called the wind turbines the "elephant in the room."

"I want to serve the community where I live and where I want to raise my family," said Mr. Farrell.

When asked about zoning changes, Mr. Farrell said he was still too new to the board to make a "reasonable statement" about it.

Ms. Melanson said the zoning on both Route 6 and Alden Road needed to be revamped.

See page 6 for information on two upcoming candidates nights.

Acushnet selectboard balks at New Bedford's water increase

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Members of the Acushnet Selectboard expressed anger over a letter they received from the City of New Bedford announcing another annual water rate increase of 1.8%.

Chairperson David Wojnar said, not only should that letter have been addressed to the Board of Public Works and not the Selectboard, but he is tired of receiving this letter every year without so much as a spoken work about the prospect of a water rate increase.

"I've seen it too many times that we get a letter from the city without any discussion," said Mr. Wojnar. He said no one even telephoned the Town, to his dismay.

Mr. Wojnar proposed sending a strongly worded letter to Mayor Jon Mitchell calling for a meeting, which the board ultimately approved.

"We're at the mercy of the city," said Mr. Wojnar, "and at this point it's the last straw."

Selectperson Leslie Dakin said he would prefer to have the BPW take action in an effort to achieve water

independence from New Bedford, since it seems every year there is another 2% water rate hike. Mr. Dakin recommended the board meet with the BPW "to hopefully get our ducks in a row before we meet with the mayor."

With the new increase, the water rate will rise from \$2.76 per cubic 100 feet to \$2.81 per 100 cubic feet, according to the letter from New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Ronald LaBelle.

In other business, after a presentation from Police Chief Michael Alves who was accompanied by School Committee Chairperson John Howcroft, the board supported reinstating the position of School Resource Officer by voting in favor of making room in both the Police and School Departments' budgets for the academy training of the new officer, as well as the \$61,000 salary.

Shrinking budgets in the past forced the Town to remove the SRO position.

Now, Mr. Wojnar said, "The Sandy Hook shooting has brought it back to the forefront."

"You need to understand," said Chief Alves, "It can happen here and it did happen here."

In 1993, a man charged into the Ford Middle School with a shotgun and took the school nurse, principal, and school librarian hostage; he later shot and killed the school nurse.

Chief Alves said the officer would do more than just sit by the front door; the officer would become an integral part of the school community, splitting his or her time between the elementary school and the middle school. Chief Alves said the SRO could take on a key role of getting to know the youth of Acushnet and possibly identifying individual kids who might be troubled or at risk for future trouble and intervening on their behalf.

Selectperson Kevin Gaspar stated that he welcomed the idea.

"I think it's the right thing to do," he said.

Mr. Howcroft said restoring the sense of safety to the schools had been a priority, even before the Middletown, Connecticut tragedy.

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Legal Notices/Public Hearings

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing Fairhaven FY12 CDBG – Proposed Housing Rehab Program Changes Fairhaven FY11 CDBG – Final Public Hearing

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M. on March 18, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public comment on a proposed change to the Recapture Policy for Deferred Payment Loans made to Fairhaven residents through its FY12 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Recapture Policy determines how much home equity should be required for program applicants and how much of the loan must be repaid to the Town.

A discussion of the outcome and effectiveness of the activities of the FY11 Community Development Block Grant, including the reconstruction of Spring Street and the Housing Rehabilitation Program, will also be held.

Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the

disabled with one week's prior written notice to the Selectmen's Office.

*Brian K. Bowcock, Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

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 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 proposal 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.

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John Methia, Fairhaven
EDITOR'S NOTE: According to Mr. Shah, although Lumus Construction is the parent company of both Solaya Energy and Fairhaven Wind LLC (FW) they operate as separate entities. Solaya Energy has a 1% interest in FW. "Fairhaven Wind is a single purpose company," said Mr. Shah. "The financial condition of any member has nothing to do with Fairhaven Wind LLC."

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Conservation Commission
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Council on Aging
Tues., 3/12, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee
Thurs., 3/14, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.
Thurs., 3/21, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 3/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

Selectboard/Time Change
Mon., 3/18, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings
Conservation Commission
Wed., 27, Parting Ways Bldg., 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., 3/18, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Superintendent: Schools cannot absorb any more cuts

By Truddi Clark

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin told School Committee members at their meeting on 2/27 that the schools cannot absorb any more budget cuts and continue providing a quality education for all students.

Dr. Baldwin also said he has been out in the community talking to residents and the response he received was overwhelmingly in support of stopping budget cuts.

He said the school budget cannot be a "catch all" for everything.

He said the education must come first because children are "our future."

"Prioritize what is most important," said Dr. Baldwin, adding that a budget is the "most profound document" in a community.

Dr. Baldwin also addressed the idea, floating around town, that increasing class sizes would be a good way to save money. He said the district plan "holds sacred" class size goals for an optimum learning environment.

"I will not vote for budget cuts,"

said SC member Brian Monroe. "I agree with Dr. Baldwin, enough is enough. Any reduction from this point forward will affect class size and that will affect the quality of our children's education."

Dr. Baldwin also gave a power point presentation to explain net school spending (NSS), which is a formula created by the state mandating minimum spending levels for each district.

According to Dr. Baldwin, 66% of all districts spent 20% above the net school spending requirement.

The state average is that communities are 16% above NSS. The Fairhaven school district was 8.8% above the required figure for FY2011.

In another matter, the committee heard from Information Technology specialist Blake Chisolm.

The goal of the technology assessment was to provide the district with a detailed analysis of the current mode of operations throughout the system, including to: assess the effectiveness of FPS technology infrastructure capabilities and disciplines and compare to school district "Best Practices;" offer

findings and actionable recommendations that can be taken to improve the quality of service delivery, gain efficiencies, and reduce gaps in service labels; provide a road map for implementing the suggested changes.

Mr. Chisolm pointed out in his summary of "key challenges," that the district is currently performing below its desired level for technology.

He said it can improve the level of services by developing a technology strategic plan.

The most pressing technology issues now are lack of access to computers, or slow computers; connectivity issues, including connection speeds; lack of classroom technology; lack of training on the uses of technology.

Dr. Baldwin told the board that it was important to move on the technology issue immediately. He will form a committee to create a plan to implement the improvements suggested by Mr. Chisolm.

In other business, the committee heard that the new Wood School is 100% enclosed. Workers are installing drywall, tiling bathrooms and have started painting in some classrooms.

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"We saw a void," said Mr. Howcroft about when the position was first eliminated. "The staff saw a void."

He said, at the time, there were still on-going issues like truancy and bullying that needed to be addressed. He said the School Committee will continue to make school security a priority.

"We can't drop the ball...on this issue," said Mr. Howcroft.

Town Meeting will still have to approve the budget funds.

On that note, the board approved May 20, 2013 as the date for both the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting. The deadline for submitting articles for both is 3/17.

Also at the meeting, Manager of Golf Dana Przybyszewski presented the board with revenue numbers from July through November FY13, saying that they had projected \$772,000 but the actual revenue totaled \$801,000.

He credited the weekday and weekend twilight special deals the golf course offers for off-peak hours for the roughly \$30,000 in additional revenue. He added that the golf

course anticipates opening on 3/17, but clean-up from the second snow storm in early March could delay the opening by two to three days.

In other business:

- The board approved appointing Eric Tannon to the Finance Committee.
- The approved use of Acushnet roadways for the Patriot Half Triathlon on 6/13.
- Town Administrator Alan Coutinho will be drafting a Request for Proposals for the sale of the Severance Property located on Middle Road.

Mr. Dakin motioned to table the matter until after he meets on 3/13 with relevant parties, including the BBC, owners of the Acushnet Saw Mill property where the Severance house will be

moved, if moving the structure is possible.

- The board approved the payment of snow removal invoices, leaving the budget line with an \$82,000 deficit.
- Mr. Wojnar, up for re-election for Selectboard, recused himself from a vote to approve the recording and televising of both the 3/19 candidates debate between himself and Former Selectperson Michael Cioper, and the 3/21 candidates night being held at the COA.



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Candidate statements: School Committee



Bernard Roderick

The Fairhaven Public School System has been on an upward trajectory unequaled

by the majority of school systems in the Commonwealth. For the better part of the last decade, the students of Fairhaven have enjoyed the benefits of a first-class education, due in no small part to the outstanding work of their teachers and the high quality of leadership that exists at all levels of the administration.

Witness the following:

Fairhaven is one of only 46 school districts of 539 in both the US and Canada, to be named to the 2012 AP District Honor Roll

Student scholarships for each of the last three years have exceeded one million dollars. Our graduates are matriculating from some of the top colleges at cum laude and summa cum laude levels.

A number of our staff have been acknowledged with honors from outside the educational community, i.e., a science teacher at the high school was named Educator of the Year by Massachusetts Marine Educators organization; a Hasting Middle School teacher was the recipient of the NBC Golden Apple Award; the Assistant Principal at Wood School was named South Coast Teacher of the Year by the Community Foundation of Southeastern MA in conjunction with the Standard Times; the Fairhaven High School Principal was named Fairhaven Woman of the Year by the Standard Times.

Both Wood and Rogers Elementary Schools have been deemed by DESE as level 1 District Accountability and Assistance Schools. East Fairhaven school has been distinguished as a Commonwealth Commendation School for narrowing achievement gaps for students between 2008-2010.

Bullying and harassment protocols mandated by the Attorney General have been adopted by Fairhaven Public Schools, the protocols in place

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Stasia Powers

My name is Stasia Powers and I am running for re-election to the Fairjaven School committee. I

have been privileged to represent you on the school committee for the past 6 years. I am asking you to vote for experience on April 1.

As a parent of three children, I am uniquely positioned to understand the situations at all of the school grade levels. My oldest is in the 9th grade at Fairhaven High School, just having moved on from Hastings Middle School last year. My middle child is in the 4th grade at East Fairhaven School and my daughter is about to enter Kindergarten.

I am committed to all the children of Fairhaven and you can count on me to understand that support for them is important at all levels.

While preparing this statement, I looked over my past campaign speeches and statements. I noticed that the last time I campaigned, the Fairhaven school department was in a similar position. We were looking to the future after having recently cut positions to decrease our budget. So, here we are three years later, last year having eliminated eight positions.

As a school committee we are charged to make some difficult budget choices and in these difficult economic times this is where experience can really be valuable. We have been doing our part to save money. We have decreased operating costs year after year, we have made energy saving improvements and always use zero based budgeting.

I believe I am well suited to make the case for supporting this year's school budget and, if necessary, to make difficult decisions.

The Fairhaven Public Schools are performing very well. We have a School Committee focused on getting the work done, not fighting. Even though we have had to tighten our belt over the last few years, it has been done in a way to minimize impact to critical programs. We are

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Diane Hahn

I am Diane Hahn, a candidate for the Fairhaven School Committee, and I'm asking for your vote on Monday April 1st.

I believe that it is time for Fairhaven Public Schools to improve the present methods of differentiated instruction in our full inclusion schools so that all of our students will benefit from the school department's mission of creating an optimum learning environment that ensures not just adequate but high level learning.

I know that my background as a mother raising two special needs sons along with my years of self-study and work in the special needs community make me the best qualified candidate to take on that challenge. I also believe that any Town committee should be comprised of individuals with differing strengths and perspectives.

Our present School Committee has building, engineering, economic, and administrative strengths; but the one strength missing is someone with the knowledge and experience to represent special education students and their parents, and I know that I have the perspective needed to do so. That perspective does not make me a one issue candidate; in fact I'm far from that because I know that every issue and every aspect of life involves people of varying abilities and differences that need to be accepted and accommodated so that each individual can have an equal opportunity to achieve their full potential.

My experiences at local, state and national levels will benefit students preparing for life, career and college upon the completion of high school. I graduated from ORR in 1979 and earned an A.S. degree in Health Information Management from St. Petersburg College. Over the past twelve years I have been a volunteer — in our schools' libraries and classrooms, as five year Wood School PTO, as a representative at the 2007 Symposium on the Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind at B.U., as a School Council member at HMS, as a participant in the Special Education Parent Advisory Council, and on three FPS Taskforces; Strategic

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RODERICK: cont'd from previous page already consistent with the state's guidelines. The Attorney General's Office even replicated one of our forms for use at the state level.

Extracurricular and sports successes are evident in both the levels of participation and accomplishment. Band participation is 53 strong. The Jazz Band has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall. A number of our sports teams, both boys and girls, have achieved championship status.

Fairhaven has adopted the Rosetta Stone based language curriculum, an innovative approach to teaching foreign language. No longer do we provide only Latin, Spanish and French. Students today have the opportunity to learn and excel in a multitude of languages from Italian to Russian.

My resume of involvement in the Fairhaven Public Schools dates back to 1968, over time serving as a teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, and Superintendent of Schools, and currently as a member of the Fairhaven School Committee. I intend to use my 40 plus years of experience in the field of education together with the exercise of sound judgment to ensure the continued success of our schools and to strive for that which is "in the best interest of the children of Fairhaven."

It would be a privilege to serve a second term on the Fairhaven School Committee.

I would appreciate your support and vote on April 1.

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POWERS: cont'd from previous page still seeing growth in our MCAS scores, have some of the best teachers and administrators in the area, and we are winning awards from the state and nationally.

Let's keep things moving forward in this positive direction. I ask for your vote on April 1.

HAHN: cont'd from previous page Planning Initiative, Drug & Alcohol Prevention and Anti-Bullying — while also being a Town Meeting Member for several years.

I've worked to obtain grants to maintain Everybody's Playground and to establish a library of materials for the SEPAC. I have attended educational seminars to learn from and meet the experts including Temple Grandin, Ph.D. and Rick Lavoie. I've networked nationally as a contributor to the Random House published "Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid" and its global website. I participate in activities for non-profit organizations such as M.O.L.I.F.E, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Autism Speaks.

With all that said, I know that the most valuable experience I've had which qualifies me to represent you on the School Committee is the years that I've worked as a substitute paraprofessional in our district because as such I've seen firsthand the challenges and frustrations that our educators and students face daily in our full inclusion classrooms.

I look forward to sharing more with you during the candidate nights at the Senior Center, Hastings Middle School and West Island.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at dihahn@msn.com or 508-993-6876.

Housing Authority



Jimmie Oliver

Fairhaven voters elected me to serve out the rest of an unexpired term on the Fairhaven

Housing Authority in last year's election. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve on that board.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to get my nomination papers in on time.

I want Fairhaven voters to know that I do want to serve, and ask for your help with a write-in campaign.

In order to vote for me, you will have to write in my name and address: Jimmie Oliver, 275 Main St., Apt. 139.

I have been working hard since last year to get things done for the residents of the FHA. I have complete five courses and am now a certified commissioner.

I have traveled to the state house to try to help the Fairhaven Housing Authority remain under local control instead of being taken over by the state.

I am going my best to help people and to listen to people.

I am not only a commissioner, but also a resident of the FHA, so I understand the concerns the people have.

I believe it is important to have a voice from the residents on the board. I hope you agree, and will vote for me on April 1

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