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Candidates face each other, public's questions



Fairhaven candidates faced questions submitted by the public and press on Wednesday, 3/20, at Hastings Middle School. The annual even, organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union, focuses on questions submitted by the public anonymously and asked by a media panel. TOP: Challenger Geoffrey Haworth (L) is trying to unseat incumbent selectboard member Brian Bowcock (R); BOTTOM LEFT: Incumbent board of health member Peter DeTerra faces a challenge from John Wethington (BOTTOM RIGHT). See story on page 16. *Photos by Jeff Lucas. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

I don't even know where to start; and I have no idea where it will end. All I know is: you just can't make up this stuff. I'd venture to say that even Potter's Point can't beat this crowd.

So, Henry Ferreira is insulted because I called him a "colorful character" on TV. And I thought I was being kind.

Here's how it goes. Mr. Ferreira, in his usual clever fashion (see page 16), says Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra deserves all that would "rain upon him" in the comment section of the wind turbine complaint form online.

Mr. DeTerra goes to the police saying it is a threat. The police don't agree. Selectboard Chairperson Brian Bowcock sends a letter to Mr. Ferreira's boss because apparently, somewhere along the way, he used his work email and Dr. Bowcock (as per the letter) is sure the school has a policy forbidding personal emails and he just wants them to know that the emails may need to be used as evidence in court.

When selectboard member Bob Espindola finds out, he contacts fellow selectboard member Charlie Murphy and asks if he knows about the letter. He does not. So those two write their own letter saying they knew nothing about Dr. Bowcock's letter, which was on selectboard letterhead. The Espindola/Murphy letter was not on letterhead. Apparently, neither letter is available to the public, but were provided to the press by Mr. Ferreira.

Where do I begin?

A: Trying to get Henry Ferreira in trouble with his boss is petty, but very serious for him. Calling it a "police matter" may be true, technically, but makes it sound much worse than it is. The police felt it was not a credible threat (the police report is on our website, www.NeighbNews.com, decide for yourself)

B: Apparently, Mr. Espindola brought it up in executive session and in such vague terms, no one knew what he was talking about. Did I mention this all happened months ago? No matter, because this never should've been discussed in executive session. This is something that Mr. Espindola should've brought up in open session as soon as he learned about it. Instead, he called Charlie (hmmm...that's a quorum, isn't it? Let's see if I can find that meeting posted somewhere....hmmm...nope, can't find it.)

I don't know what's worse: writing the letter unilaterally on official stationery when it isn't an official action, or NOT using stationery when it IS. And, please do NOT tell me it wasn't official. Both Mr. Espindola AND Mr. Murphy wrote that letter as selectboard members to say that the matter did not come up in a meeting. If you're not acting in your official capacity as board members, then what were you acting as, flies on the wall?

Shame on all of you!

Stop the behind the scenes foolishness. All of this should've been discussed in the open, in front of the whole town. Get Mr. Ferreira in there to explain what he meant, tell him you're going to contact his boss if he does it again, say it all out in the open in front of the town and reporters.

I don't even have room here to get in a good rant about the whole purpose of this being to stifle debate. This is America. We're supposed to LIKE debate. We're supposed to teach the rest of the world how to do it. We're not supposed to threaten people with criminal charges for saying something so utterly benign.

Henry IS one our more colorful characters, whether he likes the description or not. The point is that he has a right to be.

What Bowcock and DeTerra and their ilk want is for all of us to sit politely, stand when told to and speak only when told: Hello, my name is...I live at... and I just want to say I disagree, and thank you so much for letting me have my say.

Well, nothing ever got changed that way and it never well.

Grow up, boys. This is what you signed up for. If you can't take it, step aside and let someone else get in there.

Then there's the whole Riley vs. Hayward and Roderiques via the Selectboard (see page 4).

Really, you just can't make up this stuff.

Remember to VOTE on Monday.



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our Planning Board story last week, we made an error in the Maximum Tip Height of industrial wind turbines in the proposed bylaw. It should have read 265 feet.

In our Selectboard story last week we made a mistake on the dates for the DOR report hearings. The right dates are Wed., 4/10 and Wed., 4/24.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

Cold weather doesn't stop egg hunt

By Beth David
Editor

Because of the cold and snow, organizers moved the annual flashlight egg hunt inside on Friday, 3/22. The children running around the Recreation Center gym with flashlights in hand and their adults in tow seemed not to mind one bit.

Each participant received a piece of paper with two numbers and had to find the corresponding egg. They received prizes and a chance to have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, too.

An egg decorating contest also gave participants a chance to win larger prizes.

Winners of the contest were as follows, in order first to third place. 1-4 years old: Isaiah Souza, Tro'yel Monteiro, Tristan Terrenzi; 5-7 years: Thomas Ferreira, Joshua Krasnow, Julia Brides; 8-10 years, Mallory Rocheleau, Hannah Wright, Zacharie Brides.

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The Fairhaven Recreation Center held its annual flashlight egg hunt inside due to the weather on Friday, 3/22. LEFT: As he reaches for an egg, Armani Grace catches the photographer catching him in action. MIDDLE: Catherine Keefe holds up her egg to her adult to find out if it's the one she gets to keep. RIGHT: A baby chick breaks through the shell in this award winning design by Johsua Krasnow, who won first place in the 5-7 year-old category. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Brian Bowcock

Selectboard gets in middle of tiff with three other boards

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard found itself in the middle of a strange tiff involving three other boards at its meeting on Monday, 3/25. Board of Public Works chairperson Steve Riley and BPW member Kathy Sturtevant were on the agenda to discuss road work articles for town meeting, and also "general discussion."

Mr. Riley took the opportunity to take issue with an item that appeared on the blog of Finance Committee chairperson John Roderiques (www.fairhavenandmore.blogspot.com/).

Mr. Riley took issue with a blog that noted it had been written by someone else. In the March 10 entry, the writer, who was Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward, criticized the BPW, saying that too many members lived on Scoticut Neck, giving that part of town more attention than other parts of town.

At the selectboard meeting Mr. Riley said the FinCom chair must agree with what was written in the blog because he posted it. He said neither Mr. Roderiques nor Mr. Hayward had ever contacted him with their concerns.

"The intent of this was to call into question the character of some of the board members who live in precinct five, as well as my personal ethics, which I take exception to," said Mr. Riley.

He said the BPW seats were elected positions and anyone can run for them.

Ms. Sturtevant reiterated the claim that the integrity of individual BPW members was called into question. As the well-known jogger on Scoticut Neck Road, she said it was pretty clear that the blog post referred to her.

"No one should be questioning your integrity and your dedication to the town of Fairhaven," said Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock.

Mr. Riley also criticized the FinCom for

voting to change the streets that the BPW recommended, adding \$9,000 to the cost. He said he believed that Dogwood Street was dropped out of spite, and not with the best interests of the town or the budget in mind.

"Where is the chairman's fiscal responsibility or was it a personal message from him?" asked Mr. Riley. "Either way, the process has suffered and that is a shame. FinCom should not be in the business of picking any roads now or in the future. Their job is to supply a dollar amount only."

He also requested action from the board.

"I believe more than a letter to the two chairmen is warranted," said Mr. Riley. "I would ask that you request they remove themselves as chairmen of their boards for no less than one calendar year."

Dr. Bowcock said that Mr. Roderiques had a right to his blog, but also was sure to note that Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch was the target of the "sport" of getting "beat up" at FinCom.

"What is lost is that we're all trying to do the same thing, trying to better the town," said Dr. Bowcock. "We should be working together."

He said the board would take it under advisement.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy said it was the first time he had seen the blog and apologized for it, saying he was spending a lot of time apologizing for other people's actions "lately."

"I have a lot of respect for the work you do," Selectboard member Bob Espindola told the BPW members. "This is the problem with social media today."

He suggested they write a policy about it.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Hayward entered the room and asked to be heard. He said he had "witnessed" that he was an item for discussion, and he had not been informed.

He said he thought it as "a little out of order" to have the chair of one board talking about the chair of another board in front of a yet another board.

Dr. Bowcock said it was only brought to their attention that night and that Mr. Hayward would have a chance to speak at another meeting.

Mr. Hayward, however, persisted.

"Are you conducting an investigation against me?" he asked, which was answered in the negative.

Then, he wanted to know, what business it was of the Selectboard to discuss his position as chair.

Dr. Bowcock said they were not discussing it, but if they did Mr. Hayward would be invited to speak.

Mr. Hayward said he gave a lot of time and effort to the town and "that's what you do?" he said — discuss him when he was not there to defend himself.

"You know we don't have the authority," said Dr. Bowcock, meaning to remove Mr. Hayward from his chairperson position.

"You should have ruled him out of order," said Mr. Hayward.

Resident Ted Lorentzen told the board, "I was a little blindsided," and asked if it was on the agenda.

"I'm an innocent bystander," said Mr. Lorentzen. "This isn't on the agenda. It made me uneasy."

Dr. Bowcock said he believed that Mr. Riley was there to express himself.

"I didn't know he was going to make that recommendation," he said.

"Your meeting will be at our meeting tomorrow," said Mr. Hayward. "I found him to be out of order."

He said that what people say on a personal blog is their opinion and there were no names used, however, he did not deny being "the Code."

In an ironic twist later in the meeting, the selectboard voted to support a town

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Selectman David Wojnar has been working for you!!!

- ✓ Voted to adopt policies that have driven down employee insurance costs and salaries
- ✓ Initiated the exemptions to the CPA for low income households and our small businesses
- ✓ Merged Fire and Paramedics to expand service and saved thousands of dollars
- ✓ Voted to lower the tax rate for residential home owners
- ✓ Created the committee to refurbish and revitalize Slocum Street
- ✓ Supported commercial rezoning which is resulting in new commercial tax dollars
- ✓ Worked to attract the Solar Farm industry which will bring in new tax dollars
- ✓ Supported the new police station which was approved by town meeting and the voters
- ✓ Earned a \$150,000 grant for solar panels that provide free electricity at the Fire Station
- ✓ Worked with the Board of Selectmen to oppose the closing of our post office

Selectman David Wojnar will not stop working for you!!!

- ✓ Working with the Buzzards Bay Coalition to refurbish the former Acushnet Saw Mill
- ✓ Working with the Board of Selectmen to provide services to veterans and seniors
- ✓ Working with the Board of Selectmen to provide services and a balanced budget
- ✓ Working to preserve our small town quality of life by implementing our Master Plan
- ✓ Working to make sure Acushnet has a voice on key regional issues.

Please Re-Elect
Selectman David Wojnar
on April 1, 2013

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is pleased to announce that our annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, **March 30th. The event starts promptly at 9:00 am in Livesy Park** located behind the Oxford School in North Fairhaven.

Wooden eggs, hidden throughout the park, will be returnable for prizes. Participants are separated by age category, and parents are able to assist younger children. Please bring a plastic bag to collect the eggs. We expect a visit from the Easter Bunny so also bring your camera.

The event is free, and everyone is welcome.

Light it up Blue for Autism

This **Tuesday April 2nd** is Autism Speaks' annual celebration of World Autism Awareness Day, which kicks off Autism Awareness Month, when they ask every community from small towns to large cities to LIGHT IT UP BLUE!

I am proud to say that this is the third year that I've asked my town to show support for this cause and Fairhaven has responded. Two of our best known public buildings, Town Hall and the high school, will be shining blue lights beginning this Tuesday and I hope that others will follow suit.

Each of us can also participate at our own homes simply by replacing their usual porch light bulb, or one in the home that can be seen outside, with a blue bulb. I encourage you to purchase blue bulbs at our town merchants, such as Benny's which has them available for \$1.99.

Should the supply in town run out, Home Depot works in partnership with Autism Speaks to have a variety of blue bulbs available during the week prior to the event. No worries if you should happen to miss the first night because you can join in at any time throughout the entire month of April.

I am also asking business owners in town to consider joining in this year by shining blue lights outside their shops and perhaps offering specials on blue products such as

cupcakes or candies or even adult beverages. For instance, now through April 12th the House of Hair at 72 Main St. is offering a special on blue hair extensions for only \$5. School clubs, workplaces, social groups you can also show your support of autism awareness by organizing a Wear Blue Day for Tuesday April 2nd. For more information and ideas visit www.lightitupblue.org.

THANK YOU FAIRHAVEN for participating in LIGHT IT UP BLUE!

Diane Hahn

Planner at FBA

The Fairhaven Business Association will be holding its next meeting on **Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Art on Center**, 15 Center Street. Guest speaker will be William Roth, Planning and Economic Development for the town. We will have a question and answer segment to follow and everyone is welcome to attend. The FBA meeting will start immediately after.

We invite all Fairhaven Businesses to join us, membership dues are very reasonable and together we can have a stronger voice. If you have questions regarding this meeting or the Fairhaven Business Association feel free to contact Cathy Melanson, FBA President, at 774-1206-1132.

FREE Registration

The waters of New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay may still be chilly, but it's not too early to show your support for clean water by registering to swim in the **Buzzards Bay Coalition's 20th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, July 13. Swimmers who sign up through Monday, April 15 will enjoy free registration.**

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a 1.2-mile open water course across outer New Bedford Harbor, starting at Davy's Locker in New Bedford's South End and ending at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven. The Swim draws participants of all ages and abilities, including families, swim teams, serious competitors, and individuals seeking a new fitness challenge. Three hundred swimmers are expected to participate in this year's Buzzards Bay Swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is the Bay

Coalition's longest-running fund-raising event. All funds raised from the Swim will support the Bay Coalition's work to restore clean water, conserve natural lands and engage the community in protecting Buzzards Bay.

To register and learn more about the Buzzards Bay Swim, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a Waterkeeper Alliance SPLASH Series Event, presented nationally by Toyota. The SPLASH Series engages local citizens in recreational use of our waterways to celebrate access to clean water with activities that the whole community can enjoy as they raise critical funds to support their local Waterkeeper organization. For more information, please visit www.splashseries.org.

DOR hearings

The Fairhaven selectboard will be holding two public hearings to discuss the Department of Revenue (DOR) report with the public prior to the Annual Town Meeting. The DOR report contains 34 recommendations for Fairhaven's governmental practices. The two hearings will outline these recommendations and the Board will solicit comments and answer questions from the public.

The DOR public hearings will be held on **Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Town Hall Conference Room. A PDF copy of the DOR report is available on the Town website: www.Fairhaven-MA.gov. For more information, contact the Selectboard Office: 508-979-4023.

Rummage Sale Items Needed

The Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 13.

If you have things in good condition for sale, please bring them to the church 9 to 2 pm Monday-Thursday or on a Sunday at 12 noon. Or call us for an alternative time.

All items in good condition accepted except clothing.

This is a good opportunity to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Thank you for your support: 508-992-7081.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Easter Pie Sale

The Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly is holding its Annual Easter Pie Sale on **Saturday, March 30 at the Banner Store in Post Office Square.** Mattapoissett, 8 AM to 12 noon. Delicious home made pies, cakes, and other sweet mischief is available.

New this year is the sale of the cutest yarn pups you have ever seen. Also be sure to take a chance, or two, on our Easter Basket. This fund-raiser benefits the FoE, enables them to support the Mattapoissett Council on Aging and the senior citizens.

Easter Egg Hunt

The City of New Bedford will hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at **Hazelwood Park at 1 p.m. on Sat., 3/30.** Open to children 1-12 years and will include a variety of eggs filled with goodies for all participants. Egg hunt, plenty of games including an egg toss, egg rolling competition, egg relay, and more.

Free and open to the public. Games will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the Egg Hunt will commence at 1:00 p.m.

For more info and to register please call the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation and Beaches prior to the event at (508) 961-3015.

Two Plays at YTI

As a Director's Showcase production, Your Theatre, Inc. will present two one-act plays Thursday through Saturday, April 4, 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Linda Monchik of Fall River will direct William Inge's "Glory in the Flower." Suzanne Bergeron of New Bedford will direct Glenn Hughes' "Red Carnations."

In the Inge play, strains of love remembered and imagined permeate the Paradise Bar, recalling times of splendor in a once prosperous Midwestern town that knew glory amid a remaining flower field.

Margo Wilson-Ruggiero of Fairhaven will appear as Jackie, the town's naïve piano teacher; and Robert Duquette of Somerset as her one-time boyfriend Bus Riley, a ladies' man and former boxer. Bob Gillet of Fall River will appear as Howie, the bartending narrator; and Dennis J. Smith of Tiverton, RI will play Ben, a traveling salesman.

Playing lighthearted, music-loving youngsters are Zane Furtado of Dartmouth as Joker, Justin Belmonte of Dartmouth as Bronco, with Taryn Sylvia of Swansea as Lucy and Caitlin Breau of East Freetown as Veronica.

A three-character comedy of manners dealing with the suspense, deceptions, and complications a boy faces as he seeks the affection of a young lady, "Red Carnations" will feature Tony Oliva of Fairhaven as Mr. Smith, Tyler Rowe of Fall River as the boy, and Diane Correia of Taunton as the girl.

Produced in part by Bank Five, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, both plays will be held in the Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford.

The theatre is handicap accessible, and parking is free in the church lot on County St.

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

Senior Dances

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office will sponsor a series of dances for seniors this spring. The seven dances scheduled for the 2013 Spring Dance Series will be held on Sundays from 1:00pm- 4:00pm at the Fort Taber Community Center:

- April 7, Billy Couto and the After Hours
- April 21, Tommy Tanous
- April 28, Meadow-Larks Combo
- May 5, Billy Couto and the After Hours

For more info, please contact the Mayor's Office, 508-979-1410.

Sailor Series

As part of the Sailor Series at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, a lecture entitled "**Ray Hunt and His Designs**" will be presented on **Thursday, 4/4**, by John Deknatel and Winn Willard, of C. Raymond Hunt Associates.

Founded as a partnership in 1961 between C. Raymond Hunt (1908-1970), the internationally renowned helmsman and yacht designer, and John Deknatel, current president, C. Raymond Hunt Associates remains one of the most widely recognized

and respected names in naval architecture, in particular for designs utilizing the hull form known as the Hunt deep-V. A Harvard College graduate, Mr. Deknatel studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In 1963, he went to work for Ray Hunt, and assumed leadership of the firm in 1969.

Winn Willard is director of Hunt Yachts and vice president of Hunt Associates. A graduate of Babson College, he studied naval architecture at the University of Michigan, and is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

All Sailors' Series lectures occur on Thursday evenings, starting at 7:00 p.m. with a pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery. Tweet the Sailors' Series with hashtag #SailorsSeries23.

Admission for individual lectures: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20

The Sailors' Series is sponsored in part by C.E. Beckman, the Beverly Yacht Club and the New Bedford Yacht Club.

The NB Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling and the cultural history of the region. Located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Accessible. For events: www.whalingmuseum.org.

Next Lecture on April 18: "The Charles W. Morgan and Our Yankee Whaleboat Project" with Quentin Snediker and Bill Womack.

Free Lecture

A group of visiting scientists from the Azores will speak about the challenges of protecting and restoring Furnas Lake during a free public presentation hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition on Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m. at the Buzzards Bay Center, 114 Front Street in downtown New Bedford.

Located on the island of Sao Miguel, Furnas Lake has experienced similar environmental problems to those faced in the Buzzards Bay region - including invasive species and poor land use planning, leading to nutrient pollution in the water.

For more information, contact Sara Quintal, restoration ecologist with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, at (508) 999-6363 x225 or quintal@savebuzzardsbay.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Open Mtg Law

Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office will hold four educational forums on the Open Meeting Law throughout the state during the months of March, April and May. On July 1, 2010, the Attorney General's Office assumed responsibility for enforcement of the Open Meeting Law from the state's District Attorneys.

The forums are part of a broad effort by the AG's Office to assist public bodies in understanding and complying with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. State, local, regional, and county public bodies are required to comply with the Open Meeting Law. The Open Meeting Law educational forums will be conducted by attorneys and staff from the AG's Division of Open Government and are open to the public. Media are welcome to attend.

- **Ayer:** Thurs., 3/28; 6-8 p.m., Ayer Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA
- **Waltham:** Wed., 4/10; 6- 8 p.m., Arthur J. Clark Government Center 119 School Street, Waltham, MA
- **Springfield:** Thurs., 5/9; -8 p.m., Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress St., Springfield
- **Greenfield:** Wed., 3/15; 6-8 p.m., John Olver Transportation Center 12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA

The educational forums are being offered free of charge. All members of public bodies, municipal employees, and members of the general public are encouraged to attend. Individuals interested in attending an educational forum are asked to register in advance by calling 617-963-2925 or by emailing OMLTraining@state.ma.us, and providing: 1) their first and last names; 2) town of residence; 3) the public body/organization they represent, if appropriate; and 4) the location of the educational forum they will attend.

Since assuming responsibility for enforcement of the Open Meeting Law, AG Coakley's Division of Open Government has responded to thousands of inquiries about the law's requirements, conducted or participated in 81 trainings across the state, and issued more than 200 determinations. In October 2011, in an effort to provide greater transparency and access to the office's decisions, all of the AG's Open

Meeting Law determinations became available online through an interactive database, the Open Meeting Law Determination Lookup (<http://www.oml.ago.state.ma.us/>)

For more information on the Open Meeting Law, visit the Attorney General's website at www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting.

Media are welcome to attend.

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.

Spaghetti Supper

On **Sunday, April 7th from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.**, Acushnet's Boy Scout Troop 51 will host their Annual Spaghetti Supper at the Acushnet Senior Center building, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet. Tickets are **\$5.00 per person (\$2.50 for children under 12)** and include spaghetti, dessert and choice of beverage. Purchases can be made from any Troop 51 member or at the Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Center. Call 508-998-0280 for more info.

STEM program

On **Saturday, April 27, 2013**, **greenlight for girls**, in partnership with the Kaput Center for Research and Innovation in STEM Education, will host the third annual Greenlight for Girls Day South Coast at the UMass Dartmouth. This free event aims to encourage 10-15 year old girls to take up careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by emphasizing the link between science and fun!

There are only 150 spaces so be sure to sign up soon. You can register

by going to either of the following links <http://greenlightforgirls.org/g4gsouthcoast-2013> or www.kaputcenter.umassd.edu

For more information contact: sarah@greenlightforgirls.org

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Acushnet Video

Supporters of the Acushnet library/community center project have produced a video to help make their case to voters. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G14EGfo7HxM>

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- 1 (16 ounce) pkg vanilla frosting
- 30 small jellybeans
- 4 red licorice

Heat oven and prepare two 9" round baking pans as directed on cake box. Prepare cake batter as directed on pkg adding in 1/2 cup of coconut. Divide batter evenly between the pans. Bake and cool cake as directed on package.

When cooled, place one whole 9 inch cake layer on serving tray, forming the bunny's head. Cut 2 convex shaped ears from each side of the second layer, place on each side of head to form ears. Use concave shaped piece for the bowtie, place about 1/2 inch below head.

Frost entire bunny covering top and sides of bunny. Pat remaining 3 1/4 cup coconut evenly over top and sides. Decorate the bunny face and bowtie with jellybeans and use the licorice to make whiskers. *From AllRecipes.com*

Dead pitbull thrown off bridge

By Beth David
Editor

In connection with a case of animal cruelty, Acushnet police are looking for a man who a witness says threw a trash bag over the Slocum Street bridge containing a dead pitbull on Thursday, 3/21. The dog was malnourished and showed signs that it was used for fighting, possibly as a female "bait dog," according to police chief Michael Alves.

The department posted a picture of the dog on its Facebook page prompting nearly "half a million hits," according to the chief.

According to witness reports, a man in his mid to late 20s was pushing a baby carriage with the trash bag in it. When he reached the bridge, he threw it, presumably to go in the river, but he missed and it hit the ground. He was wearing a gray running suit and a black stocking hat.

The witness ran to the banks of the river and found the dog.

The suspect ran into New Bedford from Slocum Street, then south on River Road at about 12:15 p.m.

Police are reviewing surveillance video from area businesses, but have no "substantial leads," yet, according to the chief.

"Hopefully that might reveal a clue or two," said the chief of the video.

If anyone has any information regarding the incident, please notify Det. James Costa or Officer Ryan Lavoie at 508-998-0240.

The Coalition for Animals posted an initial reward of \$1,000, which had grown to \$2,500 by press time, due to donations from "multiple people," said the chief. The money will be paid for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

To add to the fund, send checks to Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford, 834 Kempton St., New Bedford, MA 02740; specify "reward money for pitbull" on the check.

Acushnet police will update people on their Facebook page, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Acushnet-Police-Department/547460318614028?fref=ts>



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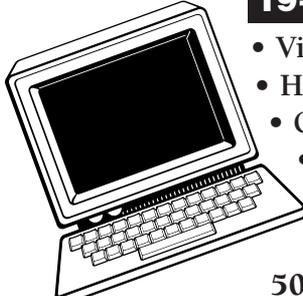
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Acushnet supporters get feisty with candidates

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet selectboard candidates faced a feisty, vocal crowd on Thursday, 3/21, at the annual candidates' night sponsored by ACTION (Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhoods), held at the senior center. Standard-Times columnist Steve Urbon moderated the event and said he has been moderating it since the beginning, in the mid-80s, adding, "we're all growing old together."

All candidates were invited to give opening statements and several took advantage of the opportunity. Only the selectboard race is contested, however, so only incumbent David Wojnar and challenger Michael Cioper sat together, debate-style.

The vocal crowd often hollered out, clapped, and otherwise showed how they felt as candidates spoke.

In his opening statement Mr. Cioper told voters that he had to resign from his position on the selectboard in 2009 for financial reasons.

He said that, "With a heavy heart I pledged to the town then," that he would return after securing his family's financial future to secure the future of the town, he said.

Mr. Cioper said his volunteer work and other activities have shown his values and his "love for this community."

He stressed that he and Mr. Wojnar have two different philosophies of governance and called Mr. Wojnar the "spend now" candidate, a charge he has made many times.

"We need to remember our children and their future," said Mr. Cioper, adding that the town may not be affordable for future generations.

A maintenance mechanic at the Acushnet Housing Authority (AHA), Mr. Cioper stressed his "blue collar" credentials.

Mr. Wojnar, seeking a sixth term,

stressed the accomplishments of the selectboard over his tenure. He said the town's finances were in "great shape," its bond rating was good, all while the town pushed forward projects.

The first question started the two mixing it up right away with a claim that Mr. Wojnar tried to block replacement of the sliding doors at Presidential Terrace, the housing authority complex.

Mr. Wojnar said he was not against the project, but asked the "hard questions. That's our job."

He accused Mr. Cioper of a contradiction, saying he complained that the board spent too much, but then criticized the board for asking the hard questions on a spending project.

Mr. Cioper said the Housing Authority project was blocked by the Finance Committee and Selectboard.

FinCom chair Robert St. Jean took the mike to defend the actions of the FinCom.

After he sat down, as the questions continued, Mr. Cioper interrupted to demand that Mr. St. Jean be forced to move from his seat. He accused Mr. St. Jean of saying something to him that others in the room could not hear.

"You're talking to my kids' father," shouted Mr. Cioper.

After the debate, Mr. Cioper told reporters that he heard Mr. St. Jean call him "a piece of shit."

In a follow-up phone interview, Mr. St. Jean categorically denied the charge. He said he was shaking his head and saying that Mr. Cioper was not telling the truth.

"First, I told him that's not true when he started to present," said Mr. St. Jean. "But he kept on, and then I said 'that's a



L-R: Acushnet selectboard candidates face questions from the voters on Thursday, 3/21. Incumbent David Wojnar listens while challenger Michael Cioper reads his opening statement. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

lie."

Jim Madruga, who is chairperson of the AHA, reiterated his complaint that taxes had increased under Mr. Wojnar's tenure, but were low when Mr. Cioper was in office. He asked Mr. Wojnar how he could describe his relationship with Mr. Cioper as "horrendous" when they obviously had worked well together before.

Mr. Wojnar said he was talking about the present, not the past.

Mr. Wojnar also came under fire for supporting both the police station project and the library/community center project, which would both have to be paid off at the same time.

Mr. Wojnar said the availability of state money dictated the timing of the library project and that both were actually on track as laid out in the master plan.

When Mr. Madruga said the police station had waited for 40-50 years, so there was no rush to do it in these tough economic times, Mr. Wojnar said, "I guess we could've just sat back and prayed and hoped" for funding.

Mr. Madruga pressed the issue, asking if Mr. Wojnar had ever seen such bad economic times.

"I haven't, Jim," answered Mr. Wojnar, who is significantly younger than Mr.

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NFIA candidates' night is good political theater

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The March 20 North Fairhaven Improvement Association Candidates Night, held inside a frigid auditorium at Hastings Middle School, had all the ingredients of a good political show: interesting candidates, grilling questions, a pinch of intrigue, and a dash of awkwardness. Let's not forget Windwise, which made it a point to clap loudly throughout the evening, making it obvious who their preferred candidates were.

The two most heated races are the Select Board and the Board of Health, with Windwise nemeses Select Board Chairperson Dr. Brian Bowcock and Board of Health Chairperson Peter DeTerra running for reelection.

Media panelists Michael Silvia, owner of New Bedford Guide, and Beth David, publisher/editor of the Neighb News, asked Dr. Bowcock and Mr. DeTerra to explain an inimical incident involving the two men and resident Henry Ferreira, an outspoken activist on many issues including the wind turbines.

Dr. Bowcock admitted he independently sent a letter typed on town letterhead to inform Mr. Ferreira's supervisor at the Rhode Island School of Design that Mr. Ferreira had been sending Mr. DeTerra "threatening" emails, one in particular that read, "Peter DeTerra deserves all that will rain upon him."

The statement was actually included in the comment section of the wind turbine complaint form online, not in an email.

"Do you really think that was threatening?" Ms. David asked Dr. Bowcock. She questioned if it was appropriate to use the town's letterhead, the use of which subsequently prompted Select Board members Charles Murphy and Bob Espindola to send their own letter to Mr. Ferreira's supervisor denying any involvement or support for Dr. Bowcock's action.

Dr. Bowcock said the police felt that it was a legitimate threat, and the Town has a no-tolerance policy on threatening emails, so he was right to alert Mr. Ferreira's boss to the emails sent from his work email account.

However, the police report, provided to the newspaper by Mr. Ferreira, clearly states that police did not deem the statement a threat. Fairhaven police have confirmed that there was only one police report on file pertaining to the matter.*

Mr. DeTerra gave few details in his response to the question asking what he was thinking when he reported the email

to the police. He said he received several emails from Mr. Ferreira and described how the police went to visit Mr. Ferreira at his home, but he would not answer the door.

"Just leave me alone. That's all I ask," said Mr. DeTerra.

In a follow-up email, Mr. Ferreira denied that police were unable to reach him, saying he met with the police chief about the matter. The police department has confirmed that to the *Neighb News*.

Also in a follow-up interview, Dr. Bowcock said he "absolutely" felt Mr. Ferreira was threatening Mr. DeTerra.

"I felt he was saying that some physical harm would come to Peter or his family because of Peter's actions," said Dr. Bowcock.

He added that it is necessary to take threats seriously because people who seem harmless may very well end up being dangerous.

He also defended sending the letter independently saying it has been done for years. The board has subsequently adopted a policy that members should not use town stationery unless all three members know about the letter.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Bowcock addressed a comment he made on 3/6 during the Government Access Candidates Night at the Senior Center that some interpreted as belittling his opponent Geoffrey Haworth's contributions to the little league concession.

"Let me be clear," stated Dr. Bowcock. "I apologize for any misconception."

Dr. Bowcock said his 25 years serving the Town on the Finance Committee and Select Board separate him from Mr. Haworth.

Dr. Bowcock associated Mr. Haworth with Windwise and said Windwise mistakenly believes it can take over Town

Hall and shut down the wind turbines. He told voters they could re-elect him "or choose the Windwise candidates."

Dr. Bowcock faced a question probing a fine from the licensing board in Florida back in 2008, and a two-month suspension of his chiropractic license in 2006.

He simply stated that it was the same incident; that when one holds a license in more than one state, any incidents or acts of reprimand have to be reported to the other states' licensing boards.

Mr. Haworth opened by defending some Board of Public Works projects while he was chair of the BPW. He highlighted that the installation of solar panels on the DPW administration building, made possible because of grant funding, will eventually totally eliminate an electric bill for the facility, and that the anaerobic digester is now online.

"We will not be on the hook for the \$8 million," he said of the digester money.

Mr. Haworth said Fairhaven needs an approachable Select Board that is fair and honest.

About the Department of Revenue recommendations the Select Board is currently placing on the warrant for Special Town Meeting, he said, "These are recommendations, not mandates... I feel we are being rushed."

He said would prefer to appoint a study committee before making decisions that would "radically change town government."

"I do not owe the IRS any back taxes," said Mr. Haworth responding to evasion accusations. He denied any intentional wrongdoing, saying that he did his own 2008 taxes, a bad idea he admitted, and made several mistakes that the IRS addressed in 2011. Mr. Haworth stated his

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Cathy Melanson and John Farrell faced each other at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's candidates night on Wednesday, 3/20. Mr. Farrell is currently on the Planning Board, having been appointed to fill an unexpired term. Ms. Melanson had also asked to be appointed, so she is taking her case to the voters. *Photo by Jean Perry.*

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procrastination in addressing the matter resulted in a lien being issued against his business in 2012. He said he would have received a refund in 2008 if he had done his taxes correctly.

When questioned about the support he is receiving from Windwise, Mr. Haworth retorted, "I'm not a Windwise member... I've never been a Windwise member."

He said he believes he has their support because they do not feel Dr. Bowcock is looking out for the best interests of everyone in town

Board of Health candidate John Wethington, a registered nurse of ten years, said right away that residents with complaints about the WTs and the shipyard should be heard "and, more importantly, listened to."

He vowed to return all correspondences the day he receives them, even telephone calls at 10:00 p.m. He said that since he is not well-known in Fairhaven, he is able to think for himself and wants to see the BOH "run as the independent board that it should be."

Relative to school nutrition, he said he was okay with schools sending home "fat letters" to parents of overweight children. He also said that when he previously stated that educating people on the proper handling of expired medications was important, he did not mean that he would be taking peoples' medications away from them.

His top health concerns for Fairhaven are the noise issues with the WTs and the shipyard, the dust particle pollution from the shipyard because he has had several in-home patients suffering from respiratory ailments in that neighborhood, and the proper use of antibiotics.

When questioned about his involvement with Windwise, Mr. Wethington responded, "I'm not a member of Windwise...Windwise is a group of people who are hurting."

Windwise members clapped after Mr. Wethington defied anyone to go listen to the WTs and tell him that they would be able to sleep through the noise. He said that conclusion would be "ignorant, at best."

He said the proper response of the BOH to shipyard complaints would be to go into residents' houses, experience what they experience, then enforce noise regulations.

Mr. DeTerra said his top health concerns are mosquito control, food safety, and the mercury collection program. He said the BOH was a public compliance board, not a "personal

health" board. He defended his response to the WT complaints and said that if studies conclude there is a legitimate health issue, "we will shut them down."

School Committee incumbent of six years Stasia Powers said having two children with special education needs has helped her in her role in the School Committee and that Fairhaven has a good reputation in special education.

She cited mandated spending on special education and employee benefits as the reasons why net school spending keeps decreasing.

One resident's question suggesting Hastings Middle School has a reputation for being "mediocre at best" prompted Ms. Power to reply, "[Hastings] is definitely one of the more challenging areas that we have now."

She said eight positions were eliminated last year and health and Spanish classes were eliminated in sixth-grade.

"We shouldn't be telling parents what

Windwise members clapped after Mr. Wethington defied anyone to go listen to the WTs and tell him that they would be able to sleep through the noise.

their children should be reading," said Ms. Powers responding to a question on the school district's middle school summer reading list that some parents found inappropriate. She said the reading list is not a matter under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Fellow incumbent Bernard Roderick, also vying for one of the two contested seats on the committee, asked residents, "Why are Acushnet students coming here? The answer should be obvious."

Regarding the summer reading list, he stated, "We're not in the business of banning books...This is 2013. Not 1953."

Mr. Roderick said he was "chomping at the bit" to address a question that suggested that even though the SC does not have to provide the Town with broken-down budget lines by law, the SC could choose transparency and provide detailed spending reports. He said they most certainly do.

"We're not hiding a damn thing," he stated.

Mr. Roderick said, for example, the SC could provide the Town with a line item for purchasing pencils.

"Okay, now you have that information. Now what the hell are you gonna do with it?"

Also running for a seat on the School Committee, Diane Hahn missed the event due to an illness, but she provided written material for residents to pick up at the entrance.

Ms. Hahn has a variety of special education experience, having a child with special needs herself, and vowed to be a strong advocate for all students, including those with special needs.

Current appointed Planning board member John Farrell said he envisions improving Route 6 by seeing vacant buildings utilized, moving away from strip malls and toward traditional local businesses.

He said he agreed with the Town using e-government, but feels streamlining the permitting process, although it might benefit businesses, might not be good for residents.

"I think Fairhaven is very business friendly," he said. "I don't think it's important to rush in...I really don't understand this wanting to expedite things."

He said the permitting process should be done in a timely manner but, "If they're told 'no,' then people have to accept that."

Political newcomer Cathy Melanson, owner of Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory & Ice Cream Shoppe, stated, "I promise to make Town Hall a place to obtain your answers and not leave with more questions."

She added, as a Planning Board member, she would try to make the planning process more "user friendly."

Her vision for Route 6 is to stop the building of strip malls, have more green space with less parking located in front of buildings, and maintain a traditional town environment, not a city. She said her main role would be to help people avoid unnecessary delays.

"Delays cost you money. Time and money," said Ms. Melanson. She said the process can often get "choked up" and it is up to town officials to offer people options.

Uncontested candidates also gave statements, but did not face questions.

Fairhaven Housing Authority member Jimmie Oliver, who is running for reelection as a write-in candidate, stated he hopes the governor does not

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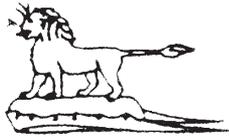
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By Town of Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 08, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Carlos Schryver Location 303 Mill Road Plot 39 Lot 16B; purpose install septic system within 100' of BVW and within the NRB.

*Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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regionalize the housing authorities and said, "I'm doing my best. I'm trying my best."

With his trademark big smile, BPW candidate Michael Ristuccia, a newcomer to politics, said he knows the BPW issues and has the time to devote to the job.

The election will be held on Monday, 4/1, with polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. According to the town clerk, many town meeting members did not turn in papers for re-election, leaving blank spaces in all precincts except 1. In Precinct two, seven people are on the ballot for 24 seats; in three, there are three names on the ballot for 26 seats; in four, there are nine names for 26 seats; in five there are 15 names for 26 seats; and in precinct six there are 21 names for 26 seats. Anyone wishing to run for town meeting may write in his or her name. Call the town clerk with questions, 508-979-4025.

Beth David contributed to this article.

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Thurs., 3/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/25, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Contributory Retirement Public Hearing re: COLA

Fri., 4/26, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/28, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Housing Authority/Special

Fri., 3/22, Oxford Terr., 10 a.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 4/3, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

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

Acushnet Meetings

Community Preservation

Thurs., 4/4, Grange Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 4/10, Parting Ways Bldg., 7 p.m.

School Committee

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Wednesday	3	0216	1446	0838	2022
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Friday	5	0427	1656	1103	2326
Saturday	6	0530	1756	1145	---
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FinCom balks at CPC request for conservation restriction

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Even if the Lacoste crocodile on the bright blue sweater John Roderiques wore on 3/21 could tell us there is a heart beating in that chest of his, the Finance Committee chairperson would most likely perpetuate the claim that he is indeed heartless as he did consistently during FinCom's budget discussions with Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth, Planning Board and CPC member Jeff Lucas, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Lucas seemed surprised, commenting, "Wow," after Mr. Roth breezed through his budget with no questions or issues with FinCom members or with Mr. Roderiques himself.

Of all the Community Preservation Committee articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, the most contentious was the Buzzard Bay Coalition's request for \$200,000 to buy conservation restrictions for 117 acres of undeveloped land belonging to Philip DeNormandie.

Mr. Roderiques's question: what is the point?

"All we get is a conservation restriction with no rights?" he asked.

"I'm just presenting what was approved by the CPC," Mr. Roth told Mr. Roderiques who chewed aggressively on the end of his pen as he listened.

"What does that do except put \$200,000 in somebody's pocket?" Mr. Roderiques asked.

"I don't disagree with you," said Mr. Roth pointing out that the land is "marginally developable," some land having no access, and a lot consisting of wetlands.

"I personally am getting a little tired of the Town spending money and not getting anything for it," said Mr. Roderiques, adding, "You can't keep taking everything out of development. You just can't."

He said he had a problem paying Mr. DeNormandie to use his land the way he would most likely continue using it, for farming or agriculture.

"I don't want to beat a dead horse," said Mr. Roderiques. "It's a dead horse in my stable."

Mr. Roderiques suggested the Town start banking money to actually purchase land in the future for the Town to use instead of just getting a

couple walking trail rights through conservation restrictions.

Mr. Roth explained the importance of the \$16,000 request for the next phase of the Fort Phoenix Restoration Project by describing the imminent collapse of a section of the fort that people walk on every day. The funds would pay for the permanent capping of the gun magazine.

The bottom line was this, said Mr. Roderiques, "There is a lot of history in this town...it costs a lot of money to live in the past."

Also a hot topic of discussion, the request for \$32,000 for restoration of the tennis/basketball court and in-line hockey rink at Livesey Park had Mr. Roderiques concerned that, because the Tennis Association would be paying some of the cost, they might try to lock up the facilities like they did to the tennis courts at Cushman Park. Mr. Roth said he

There is a lot of history
in this town...it costs a
lot of money to live in the
past [John Roderiques]

would talk to the association and find out their plan.

"No public citizen should have to dial a phone number or get a key to use the facilities of a public park," said Mr. Roderiques.

He struggled while muttering something incoherent, and then threw his hands up and said, "I'm trying to be diplomatic," causing people to laugh.

"I don't want to be too diplomatic," said Mr. Roderiques, concerned that more rumors could spread about his possibly having a heart, contending that the press has ruined his reputation of being heartless.

Mr. Roth briefly discussed some CPC articles for the Special Town Meeting, including a request from the School Committee for \$40,000 to study uses for the Rogers School.

Mr. Roderiques asked Mr. Roth why the School Committee would be making the request in the first place. He said once the new school opens, the Rogers School should not be a

concern of the School Committee anymore.

"I'll tell you right now," he said, "By budget time next year that school building will be out of their hands."

Mr. Roderiques said both the Rogers and Oxford schools should be studied and looked at together. Mr. Lucas commented that the CPC agreed.

"We (the CPC) have too much heart," said Mr. Lucas, adding that perhaps the CPC needed some heartlessness training.

Mr. Roderiques told him to read the *Neighb News*.

"There is no heart in this committee."

Mr. Lucas wondered if FinCom would allow the CPC to add a line item in their budget for heartlessness training.

"Here's the secret," said Mr. Roderiques taking a long sip from his Double Gulp soda. "The sugar kills it."

Also at the meeting, Harbormaster David Darmofal and Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox ran through their budgets and explained the many ways they have been able to save a few bucks here and there.

Mr. Darmofal described his idea to establish an enterprise fund to make his department self-sufficient, but said he was "slapped down" by Town Counsel Thomas Crotty during his first attempt to do so. He was hoping FinCom could help get it accomplished in the future, promising to gather information from surrounding towns who have Natural Resources Departments and have created enterprise funds to help move things along before he retires as harbor-master in December.

Before adjourning, Mr. Roderiques ran through the articles for Special Town Meeting with Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch. Mr. Roderiques noticed a couple of articles were still missing, guessing that "number seven" would be the article to decrease the number of FinCom members. Mr. Osuch said he thought Mr. Roderiques was right.

Also at the meeting, Mr. Roderiques announced that member Kevin Costa resigned for personal reasons.

With the snow storm getting progressively worse, Mr. Roderiques chose to adjourn 30 minutes early, but added, "If I do it any earlier I'm gonna get another story about me having a heart." ●●●

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Appeals denies no-show applicant

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A no-show applicant prompted the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals to deny his applications for a variance and a special permit to build a single family house at 17 Shore Drive.

Neither Ed Martin nor a representative showed up to the 3/5 ZBA meeting. A few abutting neighbors in attendance had to wait until the end of the meeting after the board initially tabled Mr. Martin's hearing.

Building Inspector Wayne Fostin noted that Mr. Martin's application was nearing the end of its time limit and, if the board did not take a vote that evening, the application would be automatically granted by default due to the board's inaction.

Daniel Ryan of 50 Gilbert Street, and also owner of a plot of land on Shore Drive, told the board that, although he did not object to the house being built, he found the proposed house too large for the lot.

Mr. Ryan said that a considerably smaller cottage once stood on the property until the hurricane of 1954 "took it." Since then, and up until recently, a trailer occupied the property.

Joe Perry of 5 Shore Drive agreed that the house was too large, and said that an

area on the building plan marked "riprap" was actually just a few rocks, urging the board to send someone out to look at it.

Associate Board Member Jaime DeSouza, new to the board, improperly motioned to deny the petition which was swiftly rectified by a motion from Francis Cox to approve the special permit and, subsequently, the variance.

The vote against approval was unanimous.

Also at the meeting, the board granted James Gilbert of 58 Ocean Avenue a variance to build a single-family home, despite objections from an abutting couple who sent the board a letter opposing the plans.

Paul and Katherine Correia of 60 Ocean Avenue said the proposed house was too large for the lot size and the house would be too close to their house. The Correias said in their letter that they think Mr. Gilbert plans to build the house and sell it. They were concerned the excessive size of the house on the smaller lot would deter prospective buyers from purchasing the home and the property would remain vacant.

The Correias said they would like to see the house size reduced.

Mr. Gilbert told the board he plans to retire and move into the house. He also said that he previously agreed to downsize the house from two-stories to one and a half-stories after different neighbors constructed a sunroom and were concerned the height of the new home would block their view.

The ZBA had previously approved the exact same building plans back in 2010 but, due to financial issues, Mr. Gilbert delayed construction and had to reapply. A brief discussion ensued until the board was assured that the current plans were indeed the exact plans from 2010. The board was poised to vote until Jaime DeSouza asked for the plans to be brought down and inspected, prolonging the hearing. Mr. DeSouza, being an associate member, did not vote on the matter.

The board unanimously approved a variance for Baycoast Bank on 75 Alden Street to add a new drive-through bypass lane with a canopy.

Jim Vieira, a business owner at the same plaza, attended to support the plan. The applicant will now go back to the Planning Board to approve the building plans now that the ZBA has granted the variance. ●●●

SELECT: cont'd from page 4 meeting article that would eliminate the Board of Public Works entirely.

The BPW also discussed an issue on Waybridge Road, near Eaton Road. A homeowner has erected a fence, blocking access to a public way. The board will have to pay to have the area surveyed, although the engineering account may not have enough to cover the costs.

In other business, the board discussed the budget and articles for both the special and annual town meetings.

The town is dangerously close to running out of money in the reserve fund, with FinCom facing requests from various departments for emergency spending at its next meeting.

Mr. Osuch told the board that using the most conservative estimates of revenue, the town could still face a shortfall of several hundred thousand dollars. Combining cuts and increased revenue, the town has trimmed the possible \$1.2 million gap by \$900,000. Using the middle number means the town will be much closer to a balanced budget. The wild cards include some contract negotiations.

The police chief sent notice of a possible shortfall in his department; Veterans Services costs have gone up "dramatically," and the state has not

reimbursed the town at the rate originally promised; the highway department had a \$45,000 deficit for snow removal without including the latest storm.

The board pored over budget line items of departments and scrutinized town meeting articles to save enough money to get the budget to balance.

Several items were held over until department heads could appear before the board.

Mr. Espindola suggested that one way to save money was to eliminate the healthcare benefit for elected officials who get a stipend. The perk is also offered to part time employees. Mr. Espindola said that nine people were taking advantage of it and it would save the town thousands annually.

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Murphy both disclosed that they avail themselves of the benefit, prompting the board to invoke the "rule of necessity," which means they would, by necessity, be able to vote on the measure even though there is a conflict. Mr. Espindola's motion to eliminate the perk was not seconded, so the measure failed.

The board also voted to hire Wendy Graves as the new treasurer in a 2-1 vote, with Mr. Espindola voting for the other finalist, Joseph DeVito. All three

selectboard members said that both candidates would do well in town. Mr. Osuch questioned whether it would be a problem that the televised vote showed a divided board, possibly making it difficult for the new person, who might think she did not have the support of the board.

Mr. Espindola said he fully supported the choice and reiterated that all three selectboard members felt both candidates were excellent. He said he did not feel he should change his vote simply because the other two members voted first. He said he would be supportive of Ms. Graves

- In other business the board
- Will ask the police department to consider putting a stop sign on Orchard Street at Scenticut Neck Road, where people access the bike path
 - Agreed to join the SouthCoast Energy Challenge, an initiative to get residents to save money on energy costs and install solar panels through various incentives. Visit www.southcoastenergychallenge.org/
 - Convened in executive session to discuss clerical, fire, police and dispatch union negotiations; the contract for the new treasurer; the Seaport Inn; use of town counsel for a complaint by a resident; a Freedom of Information Act request; a letter from Rick Senna.

Candidate statements: Acushnet Selectboard



Michael Cioper

In 2009, I was re-elected to the Office of Selectman and shortly thereafter, the national economic downswing demanded me to refocus on my livelihood. The economy sent my business into danger, causing me to seek employment and work for considerably less money, and created a strain on my family finances and personal life. I had no

other option but to resign from my position. I needed to spend every minute of the day, trying to provide for my wife and children.

I pledged to the Town then, once my family was again headed to a secure future, I would return to secure the future of our Town. Today, I report, I am currently working for the Acushnet Housing Authority as their Maintenance Mechanic, in a position I thoroughly enjoy, helping our elderly, as it is a real honor in itself.

My experience includes 25 years of serving the people of this great community, I have demonstrated sound conservative values, and have shown my love for this community. I am proud to say I have been an elected official in Acushnet for most of my adult life. I started serving this community as your Assessor, serving six terms. I served on the Conservation Commission and the Growth Management Commission and pride myself in all my volunteerism throughout our community. I have been an active member of the Acushnet Lion's Club, and believe we have done so much good for Acushnet and the many families in need.

I would like to publicly thank my family for standing with me, and allowing me the time, once again, so I can stand up for all of you.

My opponent has also been involved in this Town for many years, a commonality we share. Although, I believe we have different philosophies in how we lead this community, I've always had a conservative approach and, as we know, he is the spend-now candidate.

I pledge to return this Town to affordability. I will stand tall when asked for further over-rides and exclusionary ventures!

We must remember our children and their futures.

Our Town will still be here, but will it be affordable? Acushnet is a blue collar town and I will ensure people wearing those blue collars can continue to live and afford to live here.

While I'm forward thinking, I've learned an important lesson: we must spend wisely, based on our needs and not our wants. Our economy is still fragile, and far from recovery. We need to secure current services and immediate demands to maintain the way of life we all know. I enjoyed being your Selectman and will be approachable, to listen and help whenever I can.

I promise to work to make sure this Town meets the needs of all our citizens, and work to assure Acushnet's best years are still ahead.

I respectfully ask for your vote on April 1st.

A vote for Mike is a vote for affordability and for you!

Thank you and God Bless the Town of Acushnet.



David Wojnar

My name is David E. Wojnar and I will be seeking a 6th term to Acushnet Board of Selectmen. I believe my experience, level headed and professional approach to the job are qualities I possess which make me ready and able to serve another three years.

After much thought and with the unwavering support of my family,

friends, and members of the community I am seeking re-election to Acushnet's Board of Selectmen. I am seeking re-election because I love Acushnet and believe that my experience is something that our town needs in order to tackle the many issues and challenges we are faced with. I have served five terms and during that time I feel I have represented our residents with professionalism, and integrity. I feel that I have kept an open mind, acquired a great deal of experience and will be best suited to lead our town during the challenges ahead.

Over the next several years we will be faced with a number challenges and opportunities and I am determined to work with my fellow elected and appointed officials to tackle those issues. I have been part of team that has insisted on fiscal responsibility which has allowed us to weather the storm and still provide the services that our residents deserve. We have made real reforms to control costs, and will continue to do so.

In addition to that I am working with town officials to implement key components of our master plan. I support bylaw changes that we hope will spur small business development; I have worked with members of the alternative energy committee to reduce costs and pursue solar energy; and I am supporting efforts to preserve our historical artifacts and valuable open space. These are just a few examples of the exciting things in our future. While we are in interesting times I have never been more motivated to serve as I am now!

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Madruga. "But there's still a need for this town, and the project wasn't going to get any cheaper if we waited."

Mr. Cioper said he agreed with the concept of the library project, but that the town cannot afford it now.

"We have to stop the excessive spending," said Mr. Cioper.

He also criticized Mr. Wojnar for the solar farm agreement saying that the contract did not protect the town.

"So when the funding runs out and it's not profitable anymore, you're going to see tailights in Acushnet," said Mr. Cioper.

Mr. Wojnar disputed the assertion and said the contract did make provisions for everything Mr. Cioper claimed.

When sitting selectboard member Kevin Gaspar took the mike to clarify something, Mr. Cioper interrupted him and asked who he was supposed to be debating.

"You're sticking up for him?" said Mr. Cioper, indicating Mr. Wojnar.

Kristen Leotti, who is uncontested in her bid for re-election to the library board of trustees, also spoke to voters, but mostly to make a case for the library/community center project.

Ms. Leotti said the plan was to create a modern, durable and accessible library

that all residents could use. The current 83-year-old building is not wheelchair accessible and is cramped, with no room for programs. If the project is approved by voters on April 1, an addition to the community center will be built, and both the library and community center will have ample space.

"The library is a town service that can benefit all residents, aged 1 to 100," said Ms. Leotti. "The combination of the two is highly beneficial to the town."

She also said that the project would include local construction jobs, but admitted that the project probably could not specify that jobs could only go to local people. The details of the contract would be worked out later.

A state grant of \$3.2 million will pay for half the \$6.4 million project. An additional \$365,000 from other sources, means the town will be on the hook for about 46% of the cost.

Philip Mello is running unopposed for a seat on the Board of Public Works. A machinist by trade, Mr. Mello said he would like to talk about the job of BPW commissioner, but he did not know anything about it yet. He promised to learn if given the chance.

Douglas Coray, running for re-election to the School Committee, had to fess up

to voters that he goofed, and was one signature short for getting on the ballot.

Mr. Coray, who has been on the SC for "better than 10 years," is running a write-in campaign and asked voters to be sure to write in his name and address, 313 Main Street.

"I'm passionate about this town, I'm passionate about being on the School Committee," said Mr. Coray, also telling voters that he owns a business in town and has two children in the school system.

When asked if the school department would be willing to pick up the dances currently held at the community center if the project failed, Mr. Coray said he "would certainly hope" that someone would, but that he could not speak for the whole SC.

The event will run on the Channel, 18 until the election. ●●●



Douglas Coray, running for re-election to the Acushnet School Committee, had to fess up to voters that he was one signature short for getting on the ballot. *Beth David photo.*

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Letters from our readers

Small Town Sequestration in Acushnet

I preface this article with the fact that the importance of a strong police force and a practical community library cannot be debated as both are well within the police power of a municipality to promote the health, safety and general well-being of its residents. This article is not meant to disparage the established end goals, rather the aim of this article is to enlighten the reader as to the significance of understanding the means used to accomplish those goals. With the 2013 Selectman race heating up it is paramount for residents to inform themselves of the facts and make a scrutinized decision because after all it is the residents who live with the decisions they make or omit.

I respectfully ask the reader to think before they vote on any town warrant or elected official "is this BEST for the NEEDS of the town."

First, I would like to inform the readers that in the 1970's the Selectmen met each week and were paid a yearly salary of \$3400 split among the three of them, whereas the Selectmen of today only meet twice a month and split \$14,175. Inflation and cost of living aside, the Selectmen of the past did twice the work for about a third of the money. With the notion of a higher salary combined with today's busy municipal-world I rhetorically ask shouldn't today's Selectmen meet more often than those in the past instead of less?

Concerning the debate; Mr. Cioper was right that most residents were taken by surprise by the police station vote. What Mr. Cioper diplomatically left out was that the current regime's maneuvering was more than a surprise; it was downright deception! Despite holiday preparations and the additional cost of a special meeting wasn't it convenient that the vote was undertaken weeks before the tax bills were sent out?

I wonder if the vote and the measly 13% voter turnout would have been the same after the residents received their tax bill? I think not. Rather, the vote was a manipulation of the system by the current faction for the purpose of increasing their chances of getting what they want. This same

theory applies to the separation of the voting for the police station and the library.

Furthermore, the financial impact and importance of such votes upon our town should have been postponed for the regular town meeting where a larger number of the residents usually attend.

It is imperative that the younger generation of residents become interested in town meetings in order to keep taxes at a reasonable rate and hold elected officials accountable for their oaths to make Acushnet a better place to live.

As far as Mr. Wojnar is concerned, yes he has done many deeds for our town over the years but how can his statement regarding the canceling of Channel 95 at the cost of \$24.00 per year pass the laugh test. At such a nominal rate his decision to cancel the programming is evident of an intent to silence his opposition. How can a cost of \$24.00 bother him while the town is facing an increase of millions of dollars for new expenditures?

Please remember financial responsibility for our town when you are considering your decision to vote for selectman and on future town warrants. Thank you.

Doris Gomes, Acushnet

Freitas says Haworth not open

My name is Dan Freitas and I am a commissioner on the Fairhaven Board of Public Works for the last 3 years. I see Geoff Haworth is running for selectman on the basis of open government, open meetings and open communication. Are you kidding me, Mr. Haworth? I cannot tell you how many times I had to find out about what was happening on BPW projects through other sources when he was our chairman. And believe me I was not the only one.

I read that Dr. Bowcock asked Geoff about the Alden Road fiasco. Mr. Haworth responded that Alden Rd and Bridge Street wasn't a fiasco and that he learned great managerial skills while doing that project. I still to this day don't understand how he became in total charge of this project. I never voted him to that position. What are his qualifications? As far as I know he has a small landscaping business.

Well folks, it was a fiasco and only got straightened out when Jeff Osuch and the selectmen became involved. Fairhaven was very close to losing a 1.2 million dollar grant. One would have to wonder why a commissioner, Geoff, would be taking total charge of a town project when we had a BPW superintendent, Bill Fitzgerald?

I remember receiving a call from Jeff Osuch asking for a telephone number for the engineer on the Alden & Bridge project. Jeff needed the number because the project was close to falling apart. Jeff informed me that he spoke to Bill Fitzgerald and Geoff Haworth and they wouldn't give him the number. I personally called Bill and Geoff and explained the situation and who was requesting the number; to this day I still haven't got the number. Is that open communication?

Fortunately for the town Steve Riley, Kathy Sturtevant and I voted not to retain Mr. Fitzgerald as the DPW Superintendent. One has to wonder why Mr. Haworth voted to keep Bill? Power? Control? I can go on and on. I can name numerous projects like the digester that were undertaken when Geoff was chairman and believe me communication was lacking to say the least.

Fortunately we hired Vinnie Furtado and Steve has taken over the chairman position so I feel the town is in better hands with these individuals. I for one will be voting for Dr. Bowcock on April 1st and hope you will do the same.

Daniel Freitas, Fairhaven BPW commissioner

Haworth "sincere and dedicated"

I am writing in support of Geoff Haworth for the office of Selectman. Geoff is a sincere and dedicated public servant who is committed to a more open government that represents all of the citizens of Fairhaven. We need leadership which does not keep things under the radar.

A town government must and should represent first the citizens of the town and not the ideology of a governor or the financial interests of a developer. Our current chair Brian Bowcock strongly supported The industrial Wind Turbine Project which was done without any

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notification by the BOS to the abutters. The project was kept under the radar. Brian Bowcock acting in the role of Chair of Board of Selectmen has not allowed a public hearing or allowed those impacted by the turbines to be placed on the agenda. Town leaders who deny citizens their democratic rights is one that needs to be replaced. You can do this by voting for Geoff Haworth for BOS.

Kenneth Pottel, Fairhaven

EDITORS NOTE: The claim that the project was not properly noticed has been thoroughly discussed in the Neighb News, with town officials and the developer providing various forms of documentation over the years to prove project notifications followed all regulations. The project was approved by a 2/3 vote at a special town meeting on 5/15/07.

Bowcock a bully

As a Community member who has dedicated her life's work, to validating and empowering those less fortunate, I found myself in the most uncomfortable of situations last August, when a Fairhaven department gead used a racial slur to describe a resident. I realized that our town lacked any formal policy against discrimination or harassment and chose to file a complaint with the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD).

My concern is for future employees, volunteers (both appointed & elected) and citizens of the town of Fairhaven. So advocating for a policy that all employers must follow, is something I believe should have happened years ago. I wasn't even born yet when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was implemented and as a lifelong Unitarian, I grew up understanding the need to advocate for transparency, accountability and foremost Equality for All.

I was pleasantly surprised when I read that the board of Selectmen were finally addressing this missing piece and writing a Discrimination/Harassment policy. I wrote to the Selectmen, expressing relief that action was finally being taken, and then requested a copy of the draft document to review. I received my reply from the Selectmen's office stating that until it was approved at a future meeting, it would not be available for the public to review.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I did finally receive a draft copy of the Town of Fairhaven's Discrimination/Harassment Policies and Procedures. Each page clearly states it is a draft. At the 3/11 Meeting, they had limited time to discuss the drafted document and it was put onto the agenda for 3/18/13.

After work, I ventured to a crowded meeting, where I sat for over four hours waiting to offer suggestions to the draft policy. At about 10:20 p.m. near the end of the agenda to where policies and procedures were mentioned, the Chairman, Dr. Brian Bowcock, began to push for discussions to be tabled until the next meeting.

The Chairman was well aware of my presence and intent to speak, yet he tried to bully me to stop the discussion. I spoke up, out of concern for citizens in town who may feel bullied or discriminated against by any town official. The Chairman raised his voice to me, stating that a policy had been passed for the first time in our town's history and if it needed to be amended to write my suggestions down. No public comment or discussion was included in the adoption of this policy and it was unclear when the policy had actually been adopted.

Our town's Executive Secretary has stated that we have policies that are not written. So for such an important document to be drafted by this secretary and that grants him and the Chair of Selectmen, the right to play judge and jury during an investigation, is beyond irresponsible!

The policy states: "In the event that the circumstances of the situation make it inappropriate to report the incident to the individual's supervisor or department head, the incident should be reported to the Executive Secretary and/or the Chairman of Selectmen."

They have no formal training or expertise in discrimination or harassment. This new policy places our town at further risk of violating not only the law but at potentially losing state and federal government funding.

Yes, a workplace policy is long overdue, but so too are Public Accommodations that prevent town officials from discriminating or coming across as a bully towards

residents.

Cora Peirce, Fairhaven

Bowcock & DeTerra "ethically challenged"

This began last spring with a complaint to the Fairhaven Board of Health about the turbines. On the complaint form's comment section I wrote, "To think the Health Board had not only the opportunity but the obligation to stop this and didn't is outrageous. Peter DeTerra deserves all that would rain upon him."

I also copied a section from the law known as the Noisome Trade Act onto the form. The fact that the Health Board failed to follow this law continues to result in injury to those who live near the turbines.

Before these turbines were erected I appealed with no avail to the Attorney General's Office, Mass DEP and State Health Department to force the Fairhaven Health Board to follow the process outlined in Mass. GL 111 section 143. I reminded Chairman DeTerra in open meetings of this law and told him he had an obligation to follow it. I have demonstrated my frustration and voiced my opposition to this project at meetings and in letters to the newspaper.

This issue is contentious and ongoing, it has been divisive and difficult, but that's to be expected in a democracy. Chairman DeTerra must know he hasn't done his job and knows full well what rains upon him, he has experienced this atmosphere and it makes him uncomfortable. He hears from those he was meant to protect and possibly his conscience. The rain was and is clearly a metaphor for those voices. But rather than do his job, he used my complaint as a way to stem the criticism. He told the police it was a threat.

Ultimately only he knows whether he felt threatened by my comment but the police report said, he was told, "this was not a direct threat and could be interpreted in a number of ways."

What happened after Chairman DeTerra's visit to the Fairhaven Police Station crossed a line. Apparently he presented both the complaint and the police report to Select Board Chairman Brian Bowcock. Chairman Bowcock took my benign Health

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Board complaint containing a dumb phrase and built from it a malicious fabrication. He e-mailed the complaint, police report and a letter implying other non-existent threats to the president of my school. The message looks to be an official act by the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen. He used the town letterhead and signed what he wrote in his official capacity as Select Board Chairman.

Brian Bowcock and Fairhaven Board of Health Chairman Peter DeTerra have improperly used their positions. Working in concert, both have made false charges against me. Chairman Bowcock falsely accused me of threats, plural, against Board of Health Chairman DeTerra, from Bowcock's letter, "he has reached a point where his threats have become a police matter and the police have advised Chairman DeTerra to pursue a restraining order."

He sites non-existent on going threats. The police report doesn't mention a restraining order and says my comment is not a threat. It mentions nothing else in relation to threats. I know this because Bowcock stupidly attached the contradicting police report to his e-mail.

When I first learned of Brian Bowcock's letter, I contacted Selectman Bob Espindola. I asked, was this action by the Board of Selectmen, as it appeared to be? He told me it was not. When he attempted to discuss the issue, Brian Bowcock feigned ignorance of his own letter. Selectman Espindola and Selectman Charles Murphy have since sent a registered letter to my school to divorce themselves and the town from Bowcock's defamatory e-mail packet.

Several months ago I contacted the Fairhaven Board of Health and asked to meet. Chairman DeTerra responded, "This is a personal issue, and if you persist in the threats I will take the appropriate action through the Police Department to safeguard myself and my family's safety and well being."*

He sent a copy to the police. When I received this letter I went to the police station. The Police Chief told me Chairman DeTerra had been to see him several times to complain about me. The Chief said Chairman DeTerra expressed he was intimidated by my presence at meetings.

Not threatened.

What began last spring with my turbine complaint goes beyond the right and wrong of a specific project or the pros and cons of wind turbines. That's why I've asked the State Ethics Commission to investigate.

After attacking me, these two individuals refuse to talk about what they did. Since this began it hasn't left me. I've waited months to write this. Bowcock and DeTerra are running for re-election. Both are ethically challenged. Fairhaven deserves better.

What happened to me can happen to you. These two don't belong in office.

Henry Ferreira, Fairhaven

Hahn is "upbeat," will give 110%

I am writing this letter in support of Diane Hahn for School Committee. It has been my pleasure of knowing Diane for the past 10 years. When I first met her, she was the PTO President at Wood School. Right away I felt comfortable with her. Her upbeat spirit, her endless dedication, and funny stories of everyday life made her easy to like.

She is a proud parent of two very bright special needs sons. Diane helped me understand that children with learning disabilities are intelligent children who learn differently from most. She has dedicated herself to fighting for her sons in the school system, helping countless other parents along the way.

She is also a Town Meeting member as was I. I would listen to a topic that I felt strongly about, but never the nerve to get up to that microphone to speak. Then I would see Diane in line ready to ask her questions, or state her points on the matter. She spoke up for us that didn't feel we could, and for the neighbors in her precinct that she represented. Not an easy thing to do.

She has not only run the PTO in the school, but also worked as a sub in the classrooms. She knows what the teachers are up against, and what they need to properly teach our children. We had discussions about building the new school, which she was in favor of. Her question was: "Why wouldn't you want state-of-the-art classrooms for our kids?"

She had worked at the new East Fairhaven School and had seen the

vast improvements for the children. Why shouldn't every child in Fairhaven have that?

If I had to pick one word to best describe her it would be "advocate." She will fight for our children and give 110%.

Diane is not afraid of hard work, or speaking up when most can't. She has a fundamental understanding of how the system works, even on a state level. She would fight for not only the special needs children in our system, but all the children in the whole system. She knows the different struggles faced from kindergarten to high school levels with learning disabilities.

We want her in our corner. I am lucky enough to be able to call her a friend, and for that I am thankful. This is an easy decision, vote for Daine Hahn.

Lauren Viera, Fairhaven

Shipyard neighbor happy for chance to be heard

Many thanks to Jean Perry for her excellent coverage of the Select Board meeting of March 18. My neighbors and I are grateful to the Select Board for listening to our concerns, and especially to Chairman Brian Bowcock for conducting a meeting in which, in his words, we could "disagree without being disagreeable."

We look forward to working with the Board of Health and the state and federal environmental agencies to protect our neighborhood.

Beth Luey, Fairhaven

BPW "character" responds

I tried to be good and stay out of this election, but Mr. Wojnar made some statements that I simply can't ignore.

Mr. Wojnar was asked why he voted against the impact study, and his answer was "he didn't like the characters on the BPW." I am proud to say I was one of those characters. That same impact study today would cost in excess of \$100,000 more. Expensive personal vendetta isn't it?

A few days later Mr. Wojnar was asked the same question, this time he said he voted against the impact study because of a botched sewer project by the BPW, the same personal vendetta.

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The sewer project he refers to was six years in the making, there was an increased cost of steel, materials, and other construction problems, and do not forget the problems with the selectmen and their propaganda. The cost per household betterment was well within the parameters estimated six years prior. How is that for a botched project.

At the same time we had to solve a water pressure problem leading to many water breaks. We installed over 3,000 feet of pipe with this project. This is what this board of characters accomplished in six years.

What has Mr. Wojnar done for the good of the BPW "characters," and the taxpayers of Acushnet in his 15 years as a selectman?

Rene Racine, Acushnet

Library/Community Center will build on community

I know many people love living in Acushnet, as I do, because of its rural character and small town feel, a feeling that residents have demonstrated in the past is important to preserve. Part of what contributes to a small town feel is knowing your neighbors, and feeling like you're part of a community.

The proposed new Library/Community Center can both maintain & build upon that sense of community by providing townspeople of all ages with a place to learn, have fun and connect with their neighbors.

A new facility will provide many benefits for all Acushnet residents, such as:

- A modern, durable, accessible-to-all facility that any and all residents can use
- Safe after-school space with plentiful homework areas for our children and teens
- Adequate, comfortable seating, more computers, and a wide range of library materials for all ages to enjoy
- Flexible meeting space for a variety of library programs, civic events, and community activities

I know that sometimes the value of a library may be overlooked, but it is a town service that can benefit all residents, from ages 1 to 100. The value of the services we receive from our library, such as books on tape, e-books, videos, magazines, computer classes, plus fun and informative presentations, to name

just a few, is far greater than the dollars we spend. And while not everyone uses all the services their town provides, all of those services are necessary to make a town a place where people want to live.

Those involved with both the Library and the Community Center have heard from many residents who support this project, and at the Special Town Meeting in February, this project won overwhelming support. A "yes" vote on April 1 will be the final step before the construction phase can begin.

This project can only become reality, however, if every supporter makes an effort to vote at either the Council on Aging (Precinct 1) or the Community Center (Precincts 2 and 3) any time between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, when the polls are open.

So consider the impact of a new Library/Community Center. Consider the role it can play in the quality of life for all of us in Acushnet. Please join us as we prepare to add a new page to our community's history.

Join us in supporting — and in using — this valuable resource. Please vote "yes" on Acushnet's Question #2 on Monday, April 1.

Kristen Leotti, Chair, Acushnet Library Board of Trustees

Windwise waging "misinformation campaign"

Recent reports by opponents of the Fairhaven Wind turbines in this and other publications continue the misinformation campaign that Windwise and its supporters have been waging for years. Whether fighting the approval of the project at Town Meetings (twice) at great cost to the Town, suggesting conspiracies about the acoustic study being undertaken by the MassDEP at the request of the Town, or making false accusations about the construction and operation of the turbines by a minority owner, project opponents don't let the facts get in the way of a good rant.

Most egregious of all was Windwise's representative at the public forum suggesting that the Town was experimenting on its residents. While "this experiment" is a constant refrain from opponents, it now appears that Windwise may be the one conducting an experiment to

encourage health claims.

Within the past month, two studies have been published which point to the "nocebo" effect; i.e., if you tell enough people there may be problems, those problems will materialize in some percentage of them.

One study¹ reviewed complaints about health effects in communities near wind turbines targeted by opponents with concerns about "Wind Turbine Syndrome" and "Vibroacoustic Disease" and compared them with the lack of complaints from communities which had not been targeted. The authors concluded that the differences were "consistent with psychogenic hypotheses that health problems arising are 'communicated diseases' with nocebo effects likely to play an important role" in the cause of the complaints.

Another laboratory controlled double-blind study exposed subjects to infrasound either with no background on the potential effects or after providing them with information from the web, similar to that published by Windwise, suggesting that infrasound could cause negative effects.² Only those who were told there might be negative effects reported experiencing such effects.

More tellingly, those same participants reported experiencing the supposed effects of infrasound just by being told they were being exposed to infrasound, even when there was no infrasound present.

Clearly some people are more susceptible to this misinformation campaign since almost 50% of the complaints in Fairhaven appear to come from only four households. It's time for the opposition to move on and quit upsetting people.

The Town of Fairhaven is well on its way to see over \$150,000 in benefits from the first year of operation. And that contribution to Fairhaven's bottom line does not include the benefits shared throughout the Commonwealth due to cleaner air and the demonstrated stand against pollution for which Fairhaven should be proud.

1: <http://hdl.handle.net/2123/8977>

2: <http://psycnet.apa.org/psycinfo/2013-07740-001/>

Gordon L. Deane, President, Palmer Capital Corporation

“Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.” *George Jean Nathan*

“Look well to the characters and qualifications of those you elect and raise to office and places of trust.” *Matthias Burnett*

“Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights.” *Thomas Jefferson*

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.” *Larry J. Sabato*

“Do the unexpected. Take 20 minutes out of your day, do what young people all over the world are dying to do: vote.” *Rick Mercer*

“Voter apathy was, and will remain the greatest threat to democracy.” *Hazen Pingre*

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- Raised his family in Fairhaven
- Experienced Health Care Professional
- Youth sports coach
- Committed to listening, learning and serving
- A welcomed change

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