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## 100 years old and going strong



Already donning a Fairhaven Blue Devils visor, Grace Goulart Nopper, class of 1930, accepts a Blue Devils t-shirt from Fairhaven High School Principal Tara Quirk Kohler on Friday, 3/15, just a few days before Mrs. Nopper's 100th birthday. The well known fixture on Scotcut Neck has many a story to tell of life on the Neck many years ago. See story and more photos on page 12. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Um...when I said everyone's vote should be counted, I didn't mean TWICE!

The Board of Health race is still not decided. The town clerk is not able to certify the election because the numbers just don't add up (see page 17).

What happened? No one knows for sure. From where I sit, I think it's just a bit of incompetence on the part of the poll workers. They put things in the wrong envelope (maybe), they didn't sign people out who signed in (probably); and then add to all that the narrow margin of the race and the mistake of swearing in someone before all the votes were counted and you've got...Fairhaven elections 2013. The fact that the clerk of 18 years didn't instantly know something was wrong is another matter. That's an after-the-fact thing in my opinion.

The conspiracy theorists, though, are out in force. I can't even begin to describe some of the emails and Facebook posts I've gotten. People are trying to say that Peter DeTerra or one of his supporters got behind the counter and messed around with the ballots.

First, let me say this: candidates have not been allowed behind the counter since I've been covering town elections. It's the employees of the clerk's office, and they let the press back there to take our pictures of people at the counter. I have NEVER seen a candidate or supporter behind the counter on election night, EVER. This is my eighth local election since starting the Neighb News. Behind the counter on that night were Eileen Lowney, her assistant Carolyn Hurley, her part time clerk (and former clerk) Elaine Rocha, me, the Standard-Times reporter, the Advocate editor, and the Standard-Times photographer.

Usually, it's only me and the Advocate reporter for the press because we have cameras. The ST reporter doesn't usually bother because she usually doesn't have a camera. This year was different because I had told the town's regular ST reporter what fun the whole night is and they decided to do a sidebar on it.

I guess it's good that she did, because with all this talk about tampering with envelopes, we probably will lose this little small town tradition. It was one of my favorite things, too. Guess we'll all be out in the hall now.

I don't know for sure, just saying.

Also, the counting of the ballots is done at the precincts, except for the hand counts. So, there is no counting going on while we are all at the counter. All the clerk did was read off the tape from the machines. The tapes, ballots and lists were delivered by police officers. The clerk receives them, then reads off the numbers from each precinct.

That's all we are there for, not the counting of ballots, just adding up totals. The MACHINES do the counting. When it's all over, the hand counts are counted by the clerk and the write-ins are deciphered. The write-ins are already counted by the machines, but just as numbers because the machine can't read handwriting. So they are

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our finance committee article last week, we made a mistake when quoting FinCom chair John Roderiques. He was talking about the town meeting article for a town manager/administrator when he said it was too short. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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put aside for translating later. Blanks are also counted.

I posted the previous nearly word-for-word on Facebook. Now, I guess, I'm part of the conspiracy.

Would you all please just step back a minute?

Think of what you are saying, please. You are suggesting that in a town hall full of people and a clerk's office that has two employees in it, that a candidate or supporter tampered with ballots.

Okay, let's see how that happens.

First, it had to happen AFTER Peter believed he lost by three votes. That narrows the time frame.

He had to get to the clerk's office, locate the envelope, remove the ballots (they are about two feet long y'know), roll them up or fold them up to hide them, close the envelope and return it to its proper place. All this had to be done while no one saw him (or her). And the place was crawling with supporters on the other side and conspiracy theorists of all stripes.

Maybe it's possible, I don't know for sure. I'm no "Mission Impossible" operative, but it sure seems unlikely.

The other scenario is that the ballot box was stuffed beforehand. Well, the first question there is: why not make it by more than two votes?

Okay, so now you have to get your hands on some ballots and get them into the box. I suppose that's possible, but since each voter only get to go through once, you'd need a big group of people to conspire with you to get it done.

Again, is it possible? I suppose it is. It's more possible

in my mind than the other scenario.

Is it likely? I don't think so.

I think what probably happened was that some people slipped through on the check-out portion of the program. It was a busier election than usual, people arrived in waves, so some of the poll workers may have gotten confused and people slipped out.

The recount should clear that up. If it doesn't, then a new election is the only answer. In any case, it is unclear if the result of a recount will be accepted by both camps anyway.

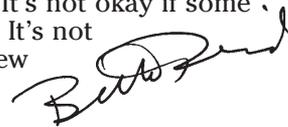
It's a mess, that's for sure.

So, here's a lesson for the young'uns out there reading this; a lesson that I have put forth in this space before: do your jobs well. It does not matter how trivial you may believe your job is. You may believe that you are underpaid so it's okay to underperform. It is not. If someone is asking you to do something, especially if they are paying you to do it, then it is a thing that needs to be done. And if it is a thing that needs to be done, it deserves to be done right.

Otherwise, just stay home.

Does that sound harsh on the poll workers? I guess it does, and I'm sorry about that. I don't want to sound cruel, but this is important stuff. It's not okay if some people's votes don't get counted. It's not okay if we have to have a new election.

All in all, it's just not okay.



## Huttleston House has one last task



The building that housed the Huttleston House restaurant is given one last job before it is demolished: it is being used for training for the Fairhaven Fire Department. The building was bought by Cathy Melanson of Emma Jean's, who plans to create a New York deli-style establishment that will be run by Jeff Antil. The new EJ's Brooklynne Deli and EJ's Meat Specialties will also carry specialty meats and Antil's meat pies, which are currently available at Emma Jean's. Ms. Melanson said she purposely delayed demolition to give the FD a chance to use the building for training. ABOVE: The Fairhaven Fire Department practices its techniques and using its equipment by poking holes in the walls and roof of the Huttleston House on Route 6 last week before the building is demolished in the coming weeks. *Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

# Selectboard makes sharp turn under Murphy

By Beth David  
Editor

Marking a stark departure from previous policy, Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy apologized in open session to Karen Isherwood for the way she has been treated while trying to bring to light her complaints about the industrial wind turbines behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street.

At his second meeting as chair since the election, Mr. Murphy said on Tuesday, 4/9, that he wanted to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Health to discuss the hundreds of complaints that have been generated by the IWTs.

"Everyone in the town of Fairhaven should get a good night's sleep," said Mr. Murphy to an emotional Ms. Isherwood.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty told the board that in the contract with the developer, the town never gave up its authority to regulate health and safety. He did say, however, that the town had to "be cautious" in how it approached any changes it may want in the operation of the turbines.

He said the first step is to contact the developer and find out what can be accomplished "by agreement," to address the concerns of the neighborhood. He said the goal is to avoid litigation and to come up with an agreement that is not a "political solution," that could change with each election. He said the goal is to come up with something that could be in place for years.

Mr. Crotty also emphasized that the board's jurisdiction is more limited than most people think. He said various boards have various jurisdictions in any municipality.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that there were more than 50 other homes that also had complaints. He added that many people had been trying to get on the agenda to make their complaints public, but had been refused under the previous chairperson.

Newly elected board member Geoffrey Haworth said it was a "first step," and reminded everyone that the issue of people not behind allowed on the agenda was one of his campaign issues and promises.

"This is a huge leap forward for the town of Fairhaven," said Mr. Haworth.

The board will request a joint

meeting with the Board of Health.

Mr. Crotty also addressed the board about the irregularities in the April 1 election, which has still not been certified. See page 17 for details.

The board also heard from Phil Washko representing a group of residents asking for \$5,000 for a government study committee.

Mr. Washko told the board that the amount was midway between the cheapest he had seen (\$2,500) and the most expensive (\$10,000) when he did his research.

"We have the DOR [Department of Revenue] report under our belt already," said Mr. Washko, who is also a Finance Committee member. "A lot of the heavy lifting's been done."

School department representatives also addressed the board to explain the amount of money they needed for fire escapes at the high school.

A town meeting article originally asked for \$230,000, with \$105,000

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[Charles Murphy]

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coming from Community Preservation Committee funds. Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin explained that after reviewing several proposals, they decided to repair the existing fire escapes. The department will now ask for \$30,000 from the town and will use \$35,000 from the High School Trust, in addition to \$105,000 from the CPC.

While he had the ears of the board and the cameras for the town, Dr. Baldwin also clarified the school department's intention for both the Rogers School and Oxford School buildings after those students move into the new Wood School.

He said rumors are abounding in town and they are incorrect, that the district plans on declaring both buildings as surplus and giving them back to the town.

There was also some discussion as to the intent of an article on the warrant seeking \$40,000 in CPC funds

for a feasibility study for the Rogers School. Dr. Baldwin said there was never any intent to "slight" Oxford or North Fairhaven.

Since the Oxford School is being used this year for the old Wood School students, the district has a pretty good idea what that building needs to be brought up to code for selling or leasing out. The Rogers School, however, requires a study from top to bottom.

The Selectboard's executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch reminded the board and school department representatives that even leaving a building empty has costs associated with it.

"Somebody has to foot the bill," said Mr. Osuch. "You can't just abandon the buildings."

Schools business administrator Paul Kitchen estimated the cost of winterizing the Oxford School at about \$5,000, but maintaining it after that as negligible

In any case, the town will have to pick up the tab for both buildings.

"We have zero dollars in the budget for those buildings next year," said Dr. Baldwin.

In another matter, the board also reinstated police officer Christopher Bettencourt as a full time police officer. Mr. Bettencourt was previously appointed, but did not finish all the requirements.

He told the board that he had lost 20 pounds since the fall and was confident he could complete all requirements for the job, and that he was ready to give "110 percent."

Mr. Murphy said he remembered the interview with Mr. Bettencourt back in the fall and said he did an "excellent job."

"I would be very honored to have you as a Fairhaven police officer," said Mr. Murphy.

Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers said that Mr. Bettencourt had addressed the issues that stood in his way after his initial appointment.

Sgt. Kevin Kobza also spoke in favor of the reinstatement, saying that as the training officer, he was the person who spend the most time with Mr. Bettencourt.

"I'm very confident that he has what it takes to do the job," said Sgt. Kobza.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the reinstatement.

The board also had a discussion on

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Annual Card Party

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club will hold its annual card party on **Tuesday, 4/16, in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The annual event is the main fundraiser for the organization. Proceeds go to scholarships for high school seniors in Fairhaven.

Light refreshments at noon, Chinese auction. **Donation: \$5.** Call Dot for more info, 508-991-5936.

## Cherry Blossom Fest

Join the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society for its first annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival on Sunday, April 28, 2013, from 12:00 noon-4:00 PM at Cooke Memorial Park, Fairhaven (corner of Cherry & Pilgrim Streets). Shuttle available from Fairhaven High School parking

Tickets (limited number): \$20/adult, \$10/child (under 12), includes bento picnic box lunch (bring a blanket); tea and dessert; bonsai & kimono displays; entertainment;; tours of Fairhaven Colonial Club, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Museum; dedication of "Peace Pole"

To reserve tickets: call Gerry at 508-995-1219 or e-mail: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

## 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.**

Buzzards Bay.

To register and learn more about the Buzzards Bay Swim, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim).

## DOR hearings

The Fairhaven selectboard will hold a public hearing 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 hearing will outline these recommendations and the Board will

solicit comments and answer questions from the public.

The hearing will be held on **Wed., 4/24, 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](http://www.Fairhaven-MA.gov). For more information, contact the Selectboard Office: 508-979-4023.

## Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 13, from 9 to 2 pm Unitarian Memorial Church, Parish House, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. (Contributions gladly received until Thursday, April 11. 508-992-7081.)

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

## River-side annual

The annual meeting of River-side Corporation will take place on **Saturday, 4/20, at 9 a.m.** in the crematory office located at 1 River Ave., Fairhaven. The purpose of this meeting is to review the business operation of the corporation and receive reports from the established committees and the election of trustees. Lot owners welcome.

River-Side Cemetery, Inc., 274 Main St., Fairhaven, 508-999-6978.

## Beach Cleanup

Volunteers needed for a Fairhaven Town Beach cleanup to the left and right of the hurricane dike on Sunday, April 14th from 9am to noon. (Rain date is April 21st.) Volunteers are needed to collect debris, haul bags up to the parking lot or help us create a giant trash monster. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear closed toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle and we will provide the water. Since single use water bottles are one of the top items that are discarded as litter, we do not provide them during our cleanups. Tools, gloves, garbage bags and refreshments will be provided.

For more information email [bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com](mailto:bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com) or follow us on facebook: [www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution](http://www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution)

## Book Group

On April 18th at 10:00 a.m. the mysterious murder of Beth

Lochtefeld, will be discussed. Brian McDonald has chronicled her rise to wealth in New York, and death in Nantucket in his book, "Safe Harbor."

This beautiful, single, forty year old, self made millionaire left New York for the quiet and peace of Nantucket, with perhaps a chance to marry and start a family. After she broke off her relationship with wealthy, handsome Thomas Toolan III, a thirty-seven year old unstable bank executive, she was found dead two days later. The book is more a tribute to Beth and the lives she touched, than a detail of the police procedures, since at the time of its publication, the trial was yet to come.

The book discussion is about an hour long. Use the handicapped entrance on Walnut Street to access the downstairs meeting room.

The book is available at the Millicent Library and through its SAILS web-site. For more info please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Boat Classes

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 is holding a series of boating classes starting with:

**Navigation Rules, Thursday, April 18, 7PM-930PM** The different Meeting/Overtaking/Crossing situations; operator responsibilities under the rules, light and horn signal requirement and recognition under conditions of clear and restricted visibility and the vessels' pecking order, etc. It is highly recommended that students bring a copy of the Navigation Rules to class. The book may be purchased for under \$20.00 or downloaded free of charge [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/mwv\\_files/NR\\_Files/navrules.pdf](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/mwv_files/NR_Files/navrules.pdf)

**GPS Operations Thursday April 25, 7PM-930PM** The Space Segments (satellites) and the use and operation of a hand-held GPS, utilizing the Garmin 76 or 176 as models; methods of inserting Waypoints and Routes; setting up the GPS; use of tide and current tables, etc. Students are encouraged to bring their hand-held GPS to class to possibly practice, time permitting.

All courses take place at 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Contact: Keith Stalter [arpeggio56@comcast.net](mailto:arpeggio56@comcast.net) Register Online: <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/training.html>

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Joe Garcia Benefit

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association of Fairhaven will be hosting a Benefit for Joe Garcia, our former President. This event will be held on **Sunday April 28th from 1pm-5pm at the Madeira Feast Grounds in New Bedford**. There will be food, music and raffles. Donations are \$20 each. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Ed (508) 558-2058, Jeff (508) 965-0820 or Dave (508) 717-9007.

## FIA Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Fairhaven Improvement Association will be held on **Tuesday, 4/23, at the Wamsutta Club**. Members, guests, and the community are invited to attend. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM.

This event allows us to conduct annual elections of new Board Members and Officers, as well as, to honor individuals who have provided outstanding community service and to local businesses which have beautified their properties in Fairhaven. Honorees include Mr. James Kalife, Morgan Dawicki, Hannah Dawicki, and Lauren Dawicki for their service and Sea Breeze Mini Mart and Laundry and Brahmin Leather Company for their beautification efforts. The evening will also feature a presentation by Mrs. Beth Luey who will bring the Adams family to life.

Dinner choices for the Annual Dinner include Petite Filet Mignon (\$30); Prime Rib(\$30); Chicken Kiev (\$20); or Baked Scrod(\$20). Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Contact Linda Meredith at 508-542-1735 for reservations and questions.

## WHALE Workshop

On **Saturday, April 13th**, WHALE and our partners are sponsoring a daylong program, *Preserving Religious Properties: A Practical Workshop for Caretakers of Older and Historic Churches and Synagogues*. The workshop will feature training on fundraising for repair and restoration of religious buildings and on conducting building assessments, prioritizing repairs, and making buildings more energy efficient.

Keynoting the day will be A. Robert Jaeger, Co-founder and President of

Partners for Sacred Places.

WHALE Members will receive the workshop brochure and be able to register for the program. The cost is \$10, which includes lunch. Register online: [www.waterfrontleague.org/donations/](http://www.waterfrontleague.org/donations/). Members are encouraged to invite friends and family members who are involved with their churches.

## Earth Day

Become An Earth Citizen: Celebrate Earth Day! **On Wednesday, April 17, at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park**. Children and adults alike can celebrate their love of the earth. The day will feature seed planting, making recyclable crafts, walking tours, exploring beach erosion, and discovering earth-friendly cleaning tips from 1850s ladies.

The park will also be introducing the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger certificate and patch program, a joint National Park Service and nationwide Boy Scout program. The Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program invites Boy and Cub Scouts to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and to provide Scouts with the opportunity to explore the national parks and learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources. Scouts are awarded certificates and/or patches for participating in the program.

For more information about this program contact Karissa at [karissa\\_decarlo@nps.gov](mailto:karissa_decarlo@nps.gov), or call 508-996-4095, x 6108.

## Vacation Week

April School Vacation week at the Ocean Explorium offers a triple play

**1) Celebrate Earth Week**, Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19. Get ready for Earth Day with special Science on a Sphere® presentations, themed activities and crafts in Explorers' Zone every day at the Ocean Explorium.

**2) Exploration Camp!** Monday - Friday, April 15 - April 19, 9 am - 12 noon, Ages 6 - 12. Interact with live exhibits and Science on a Sphere®, create science projects and artworks.

**3) Buzzards Bay, Top to Bottom**

Wednesday and Thursday, April 17 and 18, join the Ocean Explorium and Buzzards Bay Coalition for an on-water exploration of New Bedford harbor.

The Science on a Sphere® exhibit is generously provided by our principal partner, UMass Dartmouth. Visit [www.oceanexplorium.org](http://www.oceanexplorium.org) or call 508.994.5400.

## April Vacation at Whaling Museum

A week of fun and learning activities is planned for spring vacation at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford., 508/997-0046. Accessible. Visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

**Monday, April 15 is Right Whale Day:** a full day of fun activities beginning at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.:** "Moby-Dick Highlights Tour" The characters and action from Herman Melville's great American novel come to life through a tour of the Museum's collection. Regular admission rates apply.

**From Tuesday, April 16 through Friday, April 19: Free crafts and family activities** - Create your own scrimshaw (using soap and shoe polish), throw a harpoon with our family-friendly harpoons and target rings, and more. Participate in a 45-minute highlights tour.

**On Friday, April 19, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.:** All aboard the Lagoda! Join the crew of Captain C. Weade on board the Lagoda for an adventure on the high seas! Travel the world, interact with new cultures, learn the ropes of a whaleship, and go a-whaling. (Regular admission rates apply). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also throughout vacation week - Casa dos Botes Open House: See master boat builder Joo Tavares and his volunteers at work on a half-size model of an Azorean whaleboat. Casa dos Botes is located on North Water Street, one building north of Union Street). Hours: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday-Wednesday-Friday; 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday & Thursday.

**New Bedford residents are admitted free through April 30, courtesy of BayCoast Bank.**

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Story Walk

On April 15, author Sarah Marwil Lamstein will visit DNRT's StoryWalk at Dartmouth's Ridge Hill Reserve. Ms. Lamstein will visit at 10:00 am to follow along her story, "Big Night for Salamanders." Families are welcome to join her on the walk through the beautiful trails of the Reserve. This won't be the only time to experience this great story. It will be up, free and open to the public, dawn until dusk from **April 12 through April 21.**

Visitors can read another story at their leisure on the beautiful nature trails of Knowles Reserve Dartmouth up for the same timeframe, "A Color of His Own" by Leo Lionni.

StoryWalk is the opportunity to share a book with your children as you wander from page to page down a nature trail. Celebrate the joy of reading and a taste of the great outdoors!

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Pedestrian and Bicycle Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library

DNRT's Ridge Hill Reserve's parking lot is on Collins Corner Road, 1 mile north of Old Fall River Road. Knowles Reserve is located across from Apponagansett Park, visitors should enter on West Smith Neck Road. For additional directions and more information, go to [www.dnrt.org](http://www.dnrt.org) or call DNRT at 508-991-2289.

## Basketball Tourney

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Committee is hosting a Basketball Tournament and Scholarship Fundraising Day at **Ford Middle School in Acushnet on Saturday, April 2.**

The A.T.A. 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is open to two age groups, grades 9-12 and adults. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and games start at 12:00. **Participation fee is \$15 per player.** Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of each age group. Spectators welcome (suggested admission donation- \$2).

In addition to the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, there will be a huge Indoor Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., raffles, face painting for the kids, and more. Admission to the Indoor Yard

Sale is free.

For more information about this exciting day including Basketball Tournament Rules, visit [www.acushnetteachers.com](http://www.acushnetteachers.com) and click on "Events." ALL proceeds from this event will benefit the A.T.A. Scholarship Fund and will help make the dream of college a reality for students of Acushnet.

## Devin Laubi Found.

The Devin Laubi Foundation is holding its ninth annual Spring Fling on **April 12. Doors open at 6:00 PM:** gourmet food stations and butlered hors d'oeuvres. This year's event will be held at Whites of Westport in Westport, MA. We will enjoy the smooth musical talents of "Louis Leeman & Cheap Sneakers with Jeri Karam-Kozak & Jodi Treloar" (Jeri is in the band Deja Blue and was recently the lead female role in the production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*).

Call 508-636-7369 or visit [www.mydevin.org](http://www.mydevin.org) for tickets, a \$50 donation. Many raffle items. All proceeds benefit families of children with cancer. We hope you will be able to attend to support our work. We have continually tried our best to aid as many families in need as we can, but clearly we need your help. Attendance is key in raising funds and awareness for this forgotten facet of cancer care.

## Camp Angel Wings

Southcoast™ VNA, will host its 10th annual bereavement camp, "Camp Angel Wings," in July. This is an exciting, fun-filled, two-day camp experience for children and teens, ages 6 through 15, who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The camp will be held on July 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cathedral Camp for Boys & Girls, 167 Middleboro Road in East Freetown.

Camp Angel Wings is free for all campers, but space is limited and registration is required. Applications to attend Camp Angel Wings will be accepting online **beginning April 1.**

Please visit [www.southcoast.org/campangelwings/](http://www.southcoast.org/campangelwings/) for more information. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible as space is limited. The deadline for registration is June 9. For questions

contact Lindsay Coe, Camp Angel Wings Coordinator, by phone at 508-973-3219 or by email at [coel@southcoast.org](mailto:coel@southcoast.org).

## Glass Managerie

Buzzards Play Productions of East Wareham continues its production of the American classic play, Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*. Directed by Santiago Gonzalez, the production continues on Friday and **Saturday April 12th, & 13th at 8pm and Sunday April 14th at 2pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for General Admission and \$12.00 for Seniors, Veterans and Students.**

For reservations call or text Janice at 508-596-9221 or E-mail: [buzzardsplayprod@aol.com](mailto:buzzardsplayprod@aol.com). Performances will be held at Buzzards Play Productions 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA (Directly across from Benny's).

## Rain Garden

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**\$60 for MAS members and \$75 for non-members**, includes lunch. (508) 636-2437; [jcosta@massaudubon.org](mailto:jcosta@massaudubon.org); [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

## Acushnet Police FR

On **Sun., 4/14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** the **Acushnet Police Association** will hold its annual psychic/tarot card reading fundraiser at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St.

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- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 (7 ounce) can green salsa
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, rinsed and thinly sliced
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 (10 ounce) package corn tortillas

Preheat the oven to 350°

In a small bowl, stir together half of the sour cream and the green salsa. Spread enough to coat the bottom into a 9x13 inch baking dish. On each tortilla, spread a small amount of the salsa and sour cream in the center. Lay a small handful of spinach over that, and sprinkle with Monterey Jack cheese. Roll up, secure with a toothpick and place into the baking dish. When all of the tortillas are in the pan, pour the remaining salsa over the top and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven, until the enchiladas are browned and heated through.

For a lighter version, use yogurt instead of sour cream

From [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

## Animal Advocates to help pay for pet HC

### Press Release

Animal Advocates was awarded funding from The Banfield Charitable Trust to provide financial assistance to low-income families with cats and dogs to provide health care and vaccinations for their pets.

This funding will provide financial assistance to families who are financially challenged, elderly, disabled, single-parents and/or receiving government assistance.

Funding will provide services for wellness examinations, vaccinations, flea and tick preventatives, health testing for dogs and cats, nail trimming and basic grooming, minor wound care, de-worming and parasite control and treatment for medical problems.

The Health Care and Vaccination Financial Assistance Program arranges subsidized financial assistance to families who would otherwise not be able to afford to care for their pets. Animal Advocates' objective is to play an active part in building and maintaining the bonds between dogs, cats and their families. Our goal is to assist financially challenged families

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Charitable Trust is a public charity that provides opportunities to nonprofit organizations to make a difference in the lives of pets and provide a better quality of life for pets and their families. The Banfield Trust supports community based organizations and provides assistance, support and hope to pets through these organizations.

For more information or to apply for financial assistance, call Animal Advocates (508) 991-7727, PO Box 79258, Dartmouth, MA 02747; [animaladvocates@comcast.net](mailto:animaladvocates@comcast.net), [www.animaladvocatesma.org](http://www.animaladvocatesma.org)

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# 100 years old...and counting

By Beth David  
Editor

At 100 years old, Grace Mae Goulart Nopper is the local resource on all things Sconticut Neck. The small, outspoken woman lives in her former summer cottage on the neck, surrounded by family, friends and round-the-clock companionship.

Want to know about rum runners? Just ask.

"I knew some rum runners," she said. "I got good perfume from them."

After graduating from Fairhaven High School in 1930, a young Grace Goulart went to UMass Amherst and majored in Chemistry, with a minor in Bacteriology. She went on to "run" the Chemistry Department/lab at St. Luke's Hospital for four years. And you can believe she has a thing or two to say about young, upstart doctors who think they know it all.

She met Willis Nopper in her mother's kitchen, which was proper, although he was a friend of another young man she was dating.

"Once I dated him, that was the end of that one," said Mrs. Nopper with her trademark frankness.

She got married in her mid twenties ("I was considered old back then"), and remembers how her sons were not happy when they put electricity in the cottage.

They liked the camp-like lifestyle, but she wanted the convenience.

Grace Mae Goulart attended the Tripp School the first year it was open and remembers that her first grade teacher was Miss Webb.

"Everybody remembers Miss Webb,"

said Mrs. Nopper, dismayed that people are surprised she can remember something from 94 years ago with such clarity and matter-of-factness.

On Friday, 3/15, just a few days before her official birthday, Mrs. Nopper got a visit from Natalie Hemingway, a fellow FHS alum, the superintendent of schools Robert Baldwin and FHS principal Tara Quirk Kohler. The trio gave her a variety of FHS memorabilia including some clothing with the FHS blue.

Mrs. Hemingway had a copy of the 1930's yearbook and had copied certain pages from it.

Who knew that in addition to being a science whiz kid, Mrs. Nopper was also quite the athlete? She played hockey, basketball, and ran track.

"I was in all sports," said Mrs. Nopper. "I loved sports. I still do."

"This is wicked great," said Mrs. Nopper when presented with an FHS certificate wishing her a happy 100th.

When she talked about how she just loved science, Dr. Baldwin and Ms. Quirk Kohler both suggested she speak with girls in the school system, to help them get more involved in science. Mrs. Nopper said only three girls were in her class at UMass.

In the class, or in the program or in the school, asked a foolish reporter.

With a sarcastic snort to Ms. Quirk Kohler, Mrs. Nopper replied, "The whole school? How would I know how many are in the whole school?"

Looking at the list from FHS in 1930 she exclaimed, "Imagine. A hundred! I can't believe it. I wish all my class-

## Still crazy after all these years



Grace Mae Goulart Nopper goofs around after receiving some crazy glasses for her 100th birthday on March 20, 2013. BELOW LEFT: The Nopper clan at a birthday party for Grace on March 23rd. BELOW RIGHT: Mrs. Nopper points out someone on an old photo at her party on 3/23. Photos by Beth David.

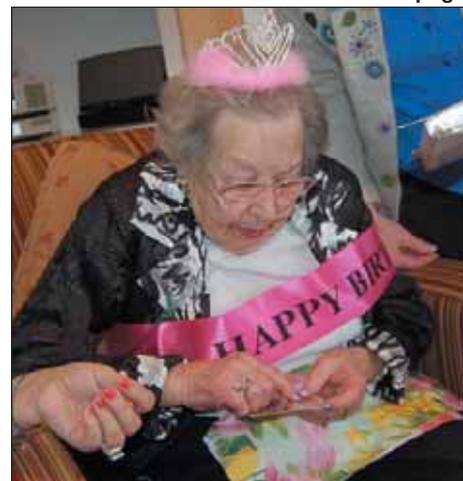
mates could see me now," adding that she knew she was probably the last of them.

Mrs. Nopper's friends and relatives held two birthday bashes for her, one on the 20th, which was the big day, and one the following Saturday when all the relatives could go.

Asked how long she was married to her precious Willis, Mrs. Nopper replied, "Not long enough. He was a great one. Everybody loved him."

In addition to surviving her husband, Mrs. Nopper also lost two sons, Robert and Richard. She has three grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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# 100 years old...and still laughing

Her secret to a long and healthy life? “Eat well and drink moderately,” answered the Chivas Regal aficionado.

She also said she had been quite the smoker, but quit when in her 50s. She got “crabby” when she first quit, dismaying her sons.

“Of course, I was never a crabby person,” she said.

In addition to sports and chemistry, Mrs. Nopper is also an

accomplished painter, as the walls in her home can attest. Nearly all the paintings in her home were painted by her personally.

At the big bash on the 23rd, her daughter-in-law, Georgette Jeanne Benjamin Nopper, told a story or two about “luncheon with Grandma” (never lunch, always luncheon), including that Grace said she also played baseball. She played short stop, “because I was the shortest one

on the team!”

“Our luncheons are truly always the best,” Georgette said. “I never know what the topic of discussion will be, but, because of Grandma, it’s always an enlightening, interesting, and sometimes a revealing event.”

She reminded everyone that in that 1930s yearbook, next to Grace’s teenage face it reads: “Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye. In every gesture, dignity and love.”

## Bottoms up



LEFT: Grace Nopper clinks champagne classes with her daughter-in-law Georgette Benjamin Nopper on 3/23 at Grace’s 100th birthday party. However, Grace made it clear that Chivas Regal is her preferred drink. BELOW LEFT: Friends and relatives clap after singing “Happy Birthday” to Grace Nopper on her 100th birthday, March 20, 2013. BELOW RIGHT: Georgette Benjamin Nopper speaks to the group about “Grandma” at a birthday party for Grace on 3/23/13. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



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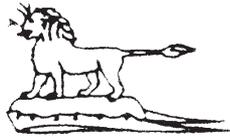
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# AHA rehabs Nate Gomes Community Center

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Grateful residents of the senior housing facility Presidential Terrace turned out on 3/20 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Natalio "Nate" Gomes Community Center. Mr. Gomes himself was honored as Acushnet's very first Housing Authority Chairperson in 1974 and a former Selectboard member.

"If you could see what the community center looked like compared to what it looks like now," said current Housing Authority Chairperson James Madruga.

Mr. Madruga introduced Housing Authority Acting Director Lynn Sigman as the one who made it all happen saying, "It was all her."

"I was totally shocked," said Mr. Gomes about when he first heard the community center would be named after him. "Why me? What about other people?"

"I think they had good reason," said his wife Doris. "But I'm

predjudiced, of course."

Mechanic for the Housing Authority and Candidate for Selectboard Michael Cioper was hailed as "a blessing" for helping to get the project completed.

The Sheriff's Department used prisoners to help with the painting and detailing which got the project moving. After everyone saw how nice it looked, Ms. Sigman said she became inspired to continue with the renovation and sought discount furnishings to make the outdated community center into a place the residents could go to socialize and feel like part of a community.

Ms. Sigman announced she had secured grant funding for a new pellet stove which will also allow the center to be used as an emergency shelter during storms, since it will be equipped with a generator.

Selectboard member Leslie Dakin described Mr. Gomes as an astute business man "who didn't take crap from anybody."

"A town working together gets a lot of

things done," said Mr. Madruga.

Virginia Baird and her friend, who were sipping coffee and having cake, laughed when they admitted they were just waiting for everyone to leave so they could play cards for the first time in the new center.

"These are the people who made Acushnet what it is today," said Mr. Dakin. "It's very gratifying to return something to them."



ABOVE: Natalio "Nate" Gomes and Doris Gomes at the grand opening of the Acushnet Housing Authority community center dedicated in Nate's name on 3/20. BOTTOM LEFT: AHA mechanic Mike Cioper and AHA acting director Lynn Sigman (back row L-R), pose with residents of Presidential Terrace. BELOW: The outside of the center. Photos by Jean Perry. See them in color at NeighbNews.com



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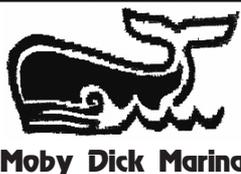
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# Board of Health race headed for recount; possible re-vote

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Registrar of Voters declared incumbent Peter DeTerra the winner of the Board of Health race by two votes at a meeting on Friday, but on Tuesday, 4/9, the Selectboard heard from town counsel Tom Crotty that the election has not been certified due to a discrepancy in the number of people who were checked in and checked out in some precincts.

The race has been mired in controversy since the election on April 1, when town clerk Eileen Lowney first declared challenger John Wethington the winner by three votes on government access television. After realizing she did not count the "hand counts," which she believed numbered 48, with 45 in Precinct one alone, Ms. Lowney declared Mr. DeTerra the winner by one vote; but it turns out that was still not the case.

Complicating matters even further, Ms. Lowney had sworn in Mr. Wethington on Monday night after her initial announcement.

The Registrar held a meeting on Friday, 4/5, and inspected the hand counts, which numbered seven in total, with only two from precinct one, not the 45 that Ms. Lowney had initially thought. At the 4/5 meeting, Ms. Lowney and town counsel Thomas Crotty explained that the poll workers had mixed up the envelopes, putting the write-in votes into the hand-count envelope, so the write-ins were counted twice.

The Registrar of Voters consists of Ms. Lowney, Herbert "Sonny" Eddleston, Lorraine Medeiros and Thomas Alden, Sr. Mr. Alden was not present at the Friday meeting.

After explaining that the 45 ballots should not be counted by hand, Registrar members examined each of the seven hand-count ballots and declared Mr. DeTerra the winner by two votes: 1226 to 1224.

Usually, with the new ballot machines, there are only a few hand counts per precinct. The write-ins,

however, are expected to be higher, because Fairhaven had one race (Fairhaven Housing Authority) with only a write-in candidate; and many people write in candidates for town meeting. Then, of course, there are the Mickey Mouses and Donald Ducks that always seem to run write-in campaigns in every town election. The machine counts the write-ins, but then sorts them in a separate spot so the names can be recorded later. The machine can count a write-in, but it cannot read the name.

Blanks are also reflected in the machine's count, so that the final tally adds up to the same number for each race in any given precinct.

However, that is still not the case in some precincts and Ms. Lowney has not been able to certify the election.

After the meeting on Friday, it was unclear if either candidate would ask

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for a recount. Ms. Lowney said she would welcome a recount to clear up any doubt about the election.

Mr. Wethington's attorney Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis brought up numerous concerns about the election, most notably about how ballots were handled. She called into question the integrity of the process and suggested that the only way to resolve the election was to have a new vote.

At the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 4/9, Mr. Crotty told board

members that Ms. Lowney was still unable to reconcile the numbers because of the check-in/check-out discrepancies.

He said a

recount may clear up the discrepancy, but if it did not, a re-vote may be the best option. A judge would have to order a special election, which would cost the town \$7,000-\$8,000.

Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis raised the same concerns at the selectboard meeting as she had at the Registrars meeting, saying there were "a lot more irregularities," than just the mixup with hand counts. She said the ballots were not secured and locked up as they should have been, and there was no inventory of ballots at each precinct.

She said, speaking on behalf of Mr. Wethington, that he had "no faith in the process."

She also said that the state election commission had offered to run a training with poll workers in Fairhaven before any special election is scheduled. She also said she hoped they could schedule the election on April 30th, when the state will hold a primary for the seat vacated by Senator John Kerry.

Mr. Crotty and the board members said it seemed unlikely that arrangements could be made for a special town election by the 30th; however, Mr. Crotty also added that if all parties agree on the goal, then the court proceedings should go quickly. In that instance, the town would petition the court, with both candidates agreeing. If the candidates disagree, then the judge would have to decide, with the town being a "disinterested party."

Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis said they were "not interested" in spending the town's money, but were interested in an election running smoothly where people's constitutional rights were protected.

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# FinCom finishes votes for TM warrant; wants to stay at 13

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Chairperson of the Fairhaven Finance Committee John Roderiques and the rest of FinCom appeared positive and energetic on 4/4 while finalizing department budgets and voting on other Annual Town Meeting articles.

"We're not leaving 'til we're done," said Mr. Roderiques, fully intending to finally wrap up budget approvals and Town Meeting articles.

Fairhaven is still at the height of budget season, evidenced by the six-inch blue budget binders, once sparse with papers, now teeming with spreadsheets and other municipal budget papers on the table before each FinCom member.

They approved the \$20,000 for computer upgrades, despite their reluctance, and the committee will let the Board of Health get their mosquito dunks, as long as Town Meeting members approve them.

FinCom's disinclination toward the 1,200 dunks costing \$1,000 was over their uncertain effectiveness and whether people would even use them. The BOH said it plans to launch a public service campaign on Sciticut Neck and West Island to control mosquitos.

There were some minor disagreements among committee members, most notably a 6-4 vote in favor of the BOH dunks, but nothing like the disagreement Mr. Roderiques had with Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch over the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Protection article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

The two men went back and forth in a lengthy discussion that spun in fervent circles, eventually halted by an abrupt motion to indefinitely postpone the article for a third year in a row.

Mr. Osuch went on about the history and details of the regional water district, as Mr. Roderiques's face turned a slightly deeper shade of red while gnawing on his pen. He already appeared to have a firm grasp and understanding of the seemingly dubious circumstances surrounding the Water Advisory Committee that Mr. Osuch was explaining.

Overall, the committee laughed more than it lamented, even while finally addressing the elephant in the

room: the article that would cut the size of FinCom in half and change how members are appointed, the result of a recommendation made by the Department of Revenue.

The article would cut down the size of FinCom from 13 to 7 members, with one from each precinct and one additional floating member.

Mr. Roderiques's opinion was that a committee over seven is too large; however, not necessarily in the case of the Finance Committee. He said he has heard a few opinions from other people around town, as well.

"Just reduce it by one and get rid of YOU," he said one person suggested.

While keeping it light-hearted, committee members were serious in their discussion of the uncertain future of FinCom. Each member gave their opinion, ranging from Kim Hyland's opinion of, "I don't see a reason to change it," to Sid Martin's

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If two heads are better  
than one, then thirteen  
heads are better than  
seven [Kim Hyland]

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suggestion that downsizing to seven members would result in a more efficient meeting.

"What if I only let seven of you speak?" Mr. Roderiques proposed to Mr. Martin.

Committee members all agreed that, aside from the table not being big enough to comfortably fit 13 members, FinCom gets it done and it should remain intact — as is.

Mr. Roderiques said all the naysayers out there always tell him, "You'll never get it done it time."

"FinCom gets it done year in and year out," said Mr. Roderiques defiantly. If only, he added, the simultaneous "dueling" of recommended budgets between the Selectboard and FinCom could evolve into a system similar to other towns where the selectboard makes recommendations before handing it over to FinCom.

Someone made a motion to indefinitely postpone the fate-of-

FinCom article, which was seconded and even a third-ed by Colin Veitch.

There was a consensus that the solution to inefficiency lies in the formation of a more streamlined process for replacing members who resign from the high turn-over committee. Rarely does the committee have its 13 members.

"If two heads are better than one, then thirteen heads are better than seven," said Mr. Hyland.

Also at the meeting, Phil Washko gave his disapproving opinion of the way the Town runs, or fails to run, a viable IT system as the committee poised themselves to vote on the \$20,000 Computer Upgrade article. The committee had already approved the Data Processing purchase-of-services line item totaling \$101,613.

"You're the software guru," Mr. Roderiques told Mr. Washko as he looked to him for information.

At that, with a pained expression on his face, Mr. Roderiques reluctantly called for a motion, which was reluctantly approved by the committee.

"You gotta laugh," said Mr. Roderiques. "You gotta joke or else you'll cry."

FinCom also approved the \$9,500 capital outlay line item for the Fairhaven Recreation Center to purchase two new exercise machines, to Terry Szala's initial disapproval. Mr. Roderiques worked his magic, however, and convinced Ms. Szala that if FinCom wants to see the center raise its revenues, then it needs to give it a chance.

"You've got to give him (Director of Recreation Warren Rensehausen) the equipment to do it," said Mr. Roderiques. He added that he did not support the recreation center project at first and he foresaw from the beginning that it would not become self-sufficient.

"I think Warren is doing the best with what he's got," said Mr. Roderiques.

But, if cuts need to be made, Mr. Roderiques said you can trust him: The center will be on his chopping list.

Mr. Roderiques also asked fellow FinCom members to visit Livesey Park to take a peek at the state of the facilities. He told them he might be asking them next week to reconsider their previous approval of the Town

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# ConCom chides DPW for clearing

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Rumblings over alleged conservation violations by the Fairhaven Department of Public Works began at a Conservation Commission meeting back on 12/3 during which Realtor Howe Allen raised a concern about overly-aggressive clearing by the Department of Public Works. The allegations prompted ConCom to call the Board of Public Works and DPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado requesting them to attend a meeting and address the matter, although that meeting has still not taken place.

Lauren Francis of 1 Smugglers Road had been silently attending various board meetings for months and on 4/8 she finally stood up to discuss with ConCom a similar situation on her own property; something she said has been an unresolved problem for decades.

Ms. Francis stated that an easement to the town on her property has drainage issues and has been cut very far back in attempts to fix it.

"To be honest with you," said Ms. Francis, "I told them to cut whatever they needed to fix it."

She is now concerned with liability and, as ConCom member Andrew Jones informed her, as the property owner she is liable for the mess.

ConCom has asked the BPW to attend a meeting but there are often frequent schedule conflicts, since both boards usually meet on Monday evenings.

"They owe it to us to come in front of our board and not vice versa," said Mr. Jones. He said he wanted the issue "reigned in" and reassurance that qualified people are present on DPW job sites under ConCom's jurisdiction.

He said he did not want the BPW unilaterally discussing ConCom business at their meetings.

"I want them to come here," said Mr. Jones pointing his finger down and tapping in onto the table.

ConCom member Cora Peirce told Ms. Francis, "If you had done that same work, I would have been all over you."

Ms. Francis told the commission, "I think you should put on your boots and come see what that water is doing to that beautiful property."

She added that Mr. Furtado had been very nice to her all along, but the on-going issue of water flow needs

to be fixed.

"I've only been begging since 1997," said Ms. Francis.

She left her contact information and set up a tentative tour of her property.

Also at the meeting, Notice of Intent applicant Carlos Schryver of 303 Mill Road received approval for the construction of a new septic system that will replace a preexisting cesspool.

Merrill Fisher, a resident of 49 years at 306 Mill Road, was concerned about a well Mr. Schryver is drilling close to her property, worried that it may contribute to an already forming "sinkhole" toward the end of her driveway.

Mr. Schryver's representative Greg Nichols told Ms. Fisher that the well would penetrate the bedrock and would have no effect on her property whatsoever.

She listened to the guarantees of

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I think you should put on your boots and come see what that water is doing to that beautiful property.  
[Lauren Francis]

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Mr. Nichols and members of ConCom, but added that she was concerned about a sinkhole forming that is similar to the one that swallowed up a house in Florida.

"No, no, no, no, no," everyone reassured her all at once.

ConCom approved the septic system and Mr. Jones added that the installation of a septic system would be more beneficial to the land and its resources than the cesspool.

The public hearing for Notice of Intent applicant N&T Realty Trust Fatima Cardoso Tr. was continued until 4/22 so the appropriate Order of Conditions could be drafted for the project to build a single-family home.

Chairperson Joe Taylor asked for someone to volunteer to research and then draft an Order of Conditions before the next meeting. He said it could be used as a valuable learning opportunity for the commission.

"I'm looking for a volunteer but,

unfortunately, it can't be me," said ConCom chairperson Joe Taylor.

Mr. Jones said he was uncomfortable always being the "go-to guy" and hoped someone else would take the opportunity to learn something new. Mr. Jones acknowledged that he has considerable experience in ConCom issues, although he stated that he was not "tooting his own horn."

No one volunteered at first, and then Janine Peccini reluctantly raised her hand.

She said she thought one of the members with more experience would have undertaken it, but said she had no problem doing it.

An abutter to the property, Jane Howland, commented that placing boulders along the perimeter of the property, a condition of approval, would not prevent run-off from flowing into the river nearby. ConCom members told her that the boulders were simply there to stop people from encroaching further toward the resource area.

Ms. Howland said one neighbor across the street keeps mowing past the demarcation line on their property toward the wetland line.

"We cannot police everybody," Mr. Jones told her, not with the limited resources the Town has for enforcing violations.

In other matters, the public hearing for Request for Determination applicants Gregory and Margaret Kulpinski was continued until 4/22 per the applicants' request.

Mr. Jones brought up the matter of a spreadsheet Mr. Taylor is making that will list all outstanding enforcement orders.

Mr. Jones said Housing Court will likely disregard violations from more than five years ago, so ConCom should just start by sending letters to residents with outstanding orders, and focus mainly on the more serious violations.

Before adjourning, Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin told the commission that somehow the Town has been accidentally double-reimbursing people for remaining balances from project escrow accounts. It is not a ConCom concern, but Mr. Fostin told them the town accountant is looking into it to find out who has been over-reimbursed and they will handle it. ●●●

# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W13-3829 Doris R. Gallagher

**NOTIFICATION DATE: April 15, 2013**

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Doris R. Gallagher to reconstruct and maintain a concrete seawall with boulder armor at 57 Nakata Avenue, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over flowed tidelands of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

## Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Eric Denzer Location 21 Long Road Plot 24 Lot 19 Purpose remove existing house and install modular home within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Doris Gallagher Location 57 Nakata Ave. Plot 43 Lot 105 Purpose replace existing seawall within a VE flood zone and land subject to coastal storm flowage.
- Notice of Intent Applicant William Roth Location Union Wharf Plot 7 Lot 9 Purpose install new bulkhead and tie back system, removal of existing building, including pile support timber piers, floating docks, and electrical work all within an AE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Janice Kreitz Location 21 Shaws Cove Plot 33 Lot 36 Purpose to construct a replacement Title 5 Septic system and replace an existing deck for a single family house within a barrier beach system and within 100' of a salt marsh And a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Albert & Lillian Roza Location 162 Weeden Road Plot 32A Lot 09. Purpose Repair existing septic system within a VE flood zone and within 100' of a Saltmarsh.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joseph Taylor, Chairman  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

## Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Keri Dias Thatcher**, 9 Blackburn Street, Plat 22A, Lot 4, Certificate #20938;

198-18: Short 20' of the required 30' front setback in a RA District.

2. **Petitioner: Ford Family Real Estate Irrevocable Trust**, 293 Mill Road, Plat 39, Lot 22C, Book 9260 and Page 157; Administrative Appeal
3. **Petitioner: Jon daRosa**, 14 Fishermans Road, Plat 43A, Lot 182, Certificate #22601; 198-18: Short 9' of the required 30' front setback on a corner lot & 23% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% all within a RR District.
4. **Petitioner: Leo R Tremblay**, 6 Karen Avenue, Plat 28, Lots 14C & 14E, Book 7757 and Page 142; 198-18: Short 3,000 sq ft of the required 15,000 sq ft for a buildable lot in a RA District.
5. **Petitioner: David P & Sandra Teves**, 3 Judson Drive, Plat 31A, Lot 3A, Book 10501 and Page 82; 198-18: Short 23.13' of the required 100' frontage in a RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

## FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on April 23, 2013**, in the **Banquet Room**, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. *Unaccepted Street Discontinuance*, the applicants, *Michael and Donna Ristuccia*, are requesting a Street Discontinuance of the western 20 feet of Fir Street, a paper street. The location is between Rocky Point Road and Bass Creek Road. Map-43C, between, Lots 389-414.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

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emergency preparedness prompted by a letter from the Fairhaven Housing Authority. The board will include the FHA in future hurricane/storm/emergency meetings to make sure the needs of the residents in the town's elderly housing complexes are included in the planning.

The FHA is looking into getting a generator for its facilities so the approximately 300 residents will not have to be moved in the event of a hurricane or blizzard. The February blizzard proved to be a challenge for the FHA when power was out for an extended period of time.

Mr. Jeff Osuch reminded the board that an emergency shelter building

had to be able to hold up in a storm and needed facilities to feed people.

He said any emergency plan, however it was changed would only be as good as its execution.

"It's only effective if the people responsible for the components of the plan follow through," said Mr. Osuch.

In other business the board:

- Appointed Police Chief Michael Myers to be the town's liaison for the police department for the purpose of civil service requisitions. A switch to paperless, online automated services prompted the need to appoint someone.
- Agreed to meet with the West Island Improvement Association

about the state's fish & game department's plans to construct a fishing pier off the causeway. The board tentatively agreed to attend the WIIA's board meeting on 5/13, providing they have enough information, such as drawings from the state. Otherwise, they will ask the WIIA if the June meeting will suffice.

- Reviewed and voted on various articles for the town meeting warrant.
- Convened in executive session to discuss an amendment to the Personnel Bylaws; negotiations for the clerical, fire, police and dispatchers unions; and a legal issue with a boat at Union Wharf.

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Meeting article requesting \$32,000 in CPC funds for the tennis/baseball court project.

He said, in his opinion, past projects that were approved just did not look as thoroughly done as he had "erroneously understood" in the past.

"Believe it or not, folks," said Mr. Roderiques, "we actually check things out once in a while."

Mr. Osuch asked Mr. Roderiques if he would mind if Mr. Osuch approached the Sewer Department

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Other issues that would need to be decided include whether other races would also be re-voted, especially for town meeting members who are often voted in with only one or two votes.

The next step is for a recount to be held. After Mr. Wethington and his supporters left the meeting, he said he was in the process of collecting the signatures for the recount and expected to be finished by the Thursday deadline.

"I'm very happy," said Mr. Wethington about what transpired at the meeting.

He said he hoped that he and Mr. DeTerra would be able to "work out" a solution and "do what's right for the town, to make sure we get this election correct." ●●●

regarding the "piecemeal" Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan to urge them to reconsider continuing to request money from Town Meeting in phases rather in in one fell swoop.

He responded, "I'm not gonna put a gun to somebody's head to give them money." He added that if true logic was at play then they would already be asking for the money.

"What do you want me to do, take every horse in the world to the water AND make them drink?" asked Mr. Roderiques.●●●

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 5/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/22, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Contributory Retirement Public Hearing re: COLA

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

### DOR report hearing

Wed., 4/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/11, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 4/18, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Housing Authority/Special

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

### Planning Board

Tues., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 4/24, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Public Works

Tues., 4/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 4/24, Parting Ways Bldg., 7 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Tues., 4/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Library Trustees

Wed., 4/24, Acushnet Library, 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 4/25, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/22, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	April, 2013	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	11	0926	2141	0249*	1436*
Friday	12	1007	2220	0324*	1514*
Saturday	13	1048	2259	0400	1552
Sunday	14	1130	2339	0436	1632
Monday	15	---	1214	0515	1714
Tuesday	16	0019	1259	0557	1800
Wednesday	17	0103	1346	0648	1855
Thursday	18	0150	1437	0756	2005
Friday	19	0244	1532	0915	2124
Saturday	20	0343	1629	1013	2229
Sunday	21	0445	1723	1058	2323
Monday	22	0543	1813	1138	---
Tuesday	23	0635	1901	0011	1218*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

## Easter at the COA includes Easter Bunny hugs



The clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day enjoyed bunny pancakes prepared by the Council on Aging Director, Anne Silvia. The Easter Bunny joined the fun and posed for pictures with everyone who wanted to. LEFT: Anne Syliva, director of the Fairhaven COA prepares pancakes (BOTTOM RIGHT) for clients of the Senior Social Day program. RIGHT Henry Osiewski gives a big hug to the Easter Bunny. Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## MOMs club joins seniors for Easter egg hunt



The MOMs Club of Fairhaven collaborated with the Fairhaven Council On Aging this year for the club's annual Easter egg hunt. . ABOVE: Alena and Leif Bendiksen and Zachary Petitpas check out their goodies. ABOVE MIDDLE: Katharine St. Amand snags an egg from the grounds behind the Senior Center in Fairhaven. ABOVE RIGHT: Oliver Brodo is a little unsure of his first meeting with the Easter bunny. RIGHT: Kids line up to see the Easter Bunny. For more information about the MOMs Club (Moms offering moms support ), email [momsclubfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubfairhaven@gmail.com) Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



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