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## DeTerra up by 1; numbers still don't match



Supporters of both candidates watch as a recount is undertaken at Fairhaven Town Hall on 4/23 in the Board of Health race which has been marred by miscounts and missteps since the townwide election on April 1. L-R: John Methia and Joyce Pottel for challenger John Wethington, Attorney John Markey for incumbent Peter DeTerra. Seated: caller Suzanne Blais (facing the camera) and recorder Pam Bettencourt hand count the ballots. Standing: Ann Ponichtera DeNardis, attorney for John Wethington inspects each ballot as Ms. Blais calls out the vote. Background, sitting, Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley; standing, Town Clerk Eileen Lowney. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, it's still today, so that's good, right?

Fairhaven's election saga continues (page 12). The recounts haven't cleared up anything. Peter DeTerra holds a one-vote lead over John Wethington. It is likely the matter will go to court for a couple of reasons. One, there are two challenged ballots that will probably have to be decided by a judge. Then the matter of the ballots not adding up to the same number as the people who checked in and checked out to vote. Even the number of people who checked in don't match with those who checked out.

Most likely a court will be asked to decide if a new election is in order.

We did an article on the Marathon bombings this week that's a little different. With all the talk of amputated limbs, I wanted to talk to someone who had experienced it. I know it's different for each person, the injuries vary, but still, I thought Matt Hebert could give a unique perspective. He lost his leg when he was 21, and now he's a prosthetist, someone who makes and fits prostheses for amputees. So, I called him up and asked him a few questions. See what he has to say on page 3.

The bombers are the question now, I guess. It is amazing to me how two young men could throw their lives away like that when they had the promise of America at their feet. All they had to do was take a step. Idiots to say the least. Monsters, I guess. So hard to comprehend.

Switching gears...if nothing else, you MUST read the Planning Board article this week. Rene Fleurent is on an absolute tear about the *Neighb News*. I think he no like us. Boo-hoo. Apparently he thinks he pays for favorable coverage or something. He wants to slap us in our pocketbook by pulling the board's legal ads from the *Neighb News* and giving the money to the conglomerate across the river to run the ads in the paper-that-shall-not-be-named, or its weekly counterpart.

Earth to Rene: All ads are sent BACK to the departments for proofreading. The only mistakes WE might make would be not to run it or run it on the wrong weeks (okay, okay, we did that a few times...I'm sorry, all right?).

Apparently he's still mad because we reported on something he said and didn't want us to write about. Well, I'm sorry again (well, not really). I've said this before and I'll repeat it as often as necessary: if a reporter is in the room, with her little notebook and pen out, anything you say can and will be used in a publication of general circulation for all to see, even those who voted for you.

Okay running out of space (and time). Check out page 6 for ALL kinds of cool stuff happening in Fairhaven, including the West Island 5K and the Cherry Blossom Festival and Save Livesey and and and...other stuff. Check out page 7 for the details on the Little League opening day...they have a parade!!!!

Guess that's it folks.

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Until next week then...see ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing last week? Really? After eight years are we finally getting the hang of this?

Nah...must've missed something.

# Marathon amputees have long, but not impossible, road

By Beth David

Editor

Matt Hebert says that when he lost his leg below the knee in an accident in 1994, he was still young enough to think he was "indestructible," even though he had just lost his foot.

"I felt I could still do anything I wanted, and I pretty much have," said Mr. Hebert, who was 21 at the time of the accident that happened on the Mass. Maritime training ship where he was a cadet.

"It's a little different situation when you're dealing with a traumatic situation," such as the Boston Marathon bombings said Mr. Hebert, who owns and operates Precision Orthotic & Prosthetic Technology in New Bedford.

In his business, he deals mostly with people who need amputations due to disease, so they are already knowledgeable about the medical aspects of their situation.

Not so for him when he was 21, still, "The hardest thing for me was not so much how I felt, but how my family felt, and my parents mostly," he said.

"They were more devastated than I was."

He did admit, though, that last week as he heard on various newscasts about the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress, that he suffered many of them.

"And it's scary, y'know."

Getting his clients back on the road to a more normal life, or a "successful outcome," as he puts it, is different for each person.

What he tells them depends on what they tell him when they first meet. Each person's goals are different, and their definition of a "normal" life is different.

"The most important thing that happened is that their lives were saved," said Mr. Hebert. "So in the grand scheme of things they have their lives to live on and can live pretty

normally if they choose to do so."

And by that, he said they need to make the decision and do the hard work. He said a lot of people do not, and have trouble climbing out of the "hole" of depression.

"It is a choice, whether consciously or subconsciously to come to terms with it," said Mr. Hebert. "If they want to do the things they were doing before, they can, but it takes work."

He said although his message to each client is different depending on their circumstances and what they tell him, there is one constant.

"One of the things I tell them is if they bring their heart and their head to me, I will provide them the tools necessary to do what they need to do," said Mr. Hebert. "In other words,

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need to do [Matthew Hebert]

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they've got to want it and they've got to be prepared. Then I'll do the rest."

He said people also may have unrealistic expectations of the new prosthetics. People see athletes doing extraordinary things and need to realize that they would be extraordinary with or without a prosthetic.

Using a prosthetic requires more energy and effort, and other health conditions such as heart strength, etc., play a role.

Getting fitted for a prosthetic is not a simple process. The muscles change with time and the prosthetic needs to be changed and refitted often during the first few years.

Prosthetic devices are also

changing, getting better all the time. He said the younger clients are always looking for better ones to do more, to fit better, to be more comfortable. So the process is life long.

On April 15, two bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring nearly 300, including 14 who had limbs amputated. People continue to surface at hospitals more than a week after the blasts, saying they thought their injuries would subside, but have not, bringing the current total to 282 injured. Many of the latest injuries are hearing related, including ringing in the ears and hearing loss.

The graphic pictures of people with missing limbs have prompted many discussions about amputees, prostheses, and the prospects of life ever getting back to normal for people hurt in the blasts.

Mr. Hebert said that as a prosthetist it did not bother him to see those images.

"On the prosthetic side, there's hope for them. I look at the work to be done and that it can be achieved," said Mr. Hebert. "On a personal level I was very angry, just like the rest of the country.

It's such an awful thing for no apparent reason, people losing limbs and having to face it for the rest of their lives."

He said they will never forget that day and it will be a point of reference for them.

"Especially in the beginning," said Mr. Hebert. "It was 'before the leg' or 'after the leg,' so it's just a landmark that never goes away and it can take years to recover, especially mentally."

He reiterated that their lives were saved, "which is number one in a traumatic situation. And you have to worry about the limbs later."

"It does hit home to see other amputees, especially for no reason."

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## One terrorist dead, another captured in Marathon bombings

By Beth David

Editor

Officials have identified two brothers as the alleged Boston Marathon bombers. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, was killed during a wild night of shootouts and street chases in Cambridge and Watertown in the

early morning hours of Friday, 4/19. His brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, remains hospitalized with serious injuries.

He is a UMass Dartmouth student who returned to the campus more than once between the time the bombs were detonated and he was

identified as a suspect. The campus was evacuated on Friday, 4/19 and police searched the Pine Dale dormitory where he lived.

A house where he lived in New Bedford was also searched and two people were arrested on immigration

**BOMBINGS: cont'd on page 18**

# Selectboard picks Brian Wotton for Haworth's seat on BPW

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard opened its meeting on Monday, 4/22, with a few words about the Boston Marathon bombing and silence for each of the four people killed. Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy read a short statement to devote some time to the memory of the killed and injured, and to praise those who rushed in to help the injured.

"Also, let us thank God for our public safety personnel, who are our heroes along with the response of the other heroes on the scene," said Mr. Murphy.

After reading the names of the four: Martin Richard, 8; Krystle Campbell, 29; Lu Lingzi, 23; Officer Sean Collier, 26; Mr. Murphy said "May they rest in peace and justice be served to the highest extent."

He said the Commonwealth was strong and so is Fairhaven. He said he was in constant contact with both police and fire chiefs while federal and state officials were in New Bedford and Dartmouth because one of the bombers is a UMass Dartmouth student who also lived in New Bedford.

"We, as a community, have a safety plan in place and I pray to God we never have to use that emergency plan here in Fairhaven," said Mr. Murphy. "May God bless our Commonwealth and our Town of Fairhaven with safer and happier days ahead."

Each Selectboard member and Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch expressed condolences

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said it was "incredible" to watch the response and what he saw on display was what the community is all about.

Board member Geoffrey Haworth said emergency personnel did a great job and Mr. Osuch said it the "devastation carnage" was "very sad."

The Harbormaster's two requests did not fare so well at the meeting, with both being delayed until the board can get more information.

Harbormaster David Darmofal will be asked to appear before the board to discuss his request to appoint George Hubert a deputy for the Natural Resources Department.

Mr. Haworth said he had no idea how Mr. Hubert was chosen, if the job was posted, or any other information on the matter.

Mr. Darmofal's request for new regulations on houseboats also faced the same scrutiny.

The board however did not seem to take the same tack on appointing Brian Wotton to Mr. Haworth's recently vacated seat on the BPW, receiving the letter for the vacancy and appointing Mr. Wotton at the same meeting.

A vacancy in the assessor's office was also announced. Assessor's office administrative assistant Jane Bettencourt took a spot in the Selectboard office, leaving a vacancy. After some discussion about going back to a full time assessor, or possibly regionalizing the the office, the board decided to keep things as they are and simply post the job.

The highlight of the evening was an appearance by Mackenzie Martin, 16, and her father Sid, who is also on the Finance Committee. The younger Martin has been winning in various competitions throughout the country shooting small bore firearms. She hopes to be on the US Olympic team.

Mr. Murphy said with so much "terror and trouble" in the world, he wanted to stress that there was so much more "good stuff" happening.

Ms. Martin (as well as her dad) hopes to get college scholarships for her shooting, but it too young for recruiters to speak with her right



L-R: Sid Martin and his daughter Mackenzie appear before the Fairhaven Selectboard on Monday, 4/22, to recognize Mackenzie's achievements in shooting competitions around the country. Mackenzie, 16, hopes to represent the US in the Olympics. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

now. She is only a sophomore and they have to wait until she is a junior.

Ms. Martin's last competition was in Colorado Springs, where she won a silver medal in smallbore in her age group and 13th overall.

She told the board that Colorado is an "amazing place" and that meeting people from around the country was the best part of the competitions. She said she was surprised to learn that some schools have shooting clubs and guns are allowed in schools in other parts of the country.

"It's great to hear a good story," said Mr. Haworth.

Mackenzie now needs to participate and win in one of four upcoming competitions to qualify for the National Junior Development Team, an important step on the way to the Olympics.

The costs are rather prohibitive and Ms. Martin has missed some school and many other events, but said, "sacrifices, y'know,"

In other business:

- The board voted to increase the premiums of the family dental health plan of town employees by 8%.
- Gave Susan Grace permission to use Cushman Park from June 25 through Aug. 28 for organized fitness classes that will be free to the public.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## West Island 5K

The second annual West Island 5K will be held on **Sun., 4/28**. All proceeds go to the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program & The Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Children's fun mile starts at 10 a.m., 5K starts at 11. Registration: \$5.00 kids; 5K Run/Walk, \$15.00, K-12 students; \$25.00 others.

Parking at a field on Sconticut Neck and Hoppy's Landing, with shuttles from the field. Traffic will be stopped going on and off the island for about 15 minutes from 10:55-11:10 a.m.. For more information or to register, visit [WestIsland5K.org](http://WestIsland5K.org)

## Cherry Blossom Fest

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

**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](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org)

## BDTV Telethon

The 5th annual BD-TV (Blue Devil-TV) Telethon is set for **Fri., 4/26 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.** Produced by the FHS students in the media classes, the telethon covers many aspects of Fairhaven High School and the community.

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

The telethon can be viewed live on Comcast's Channel 9 in Fairhaven and also on the Internet at [bdtv.us.to](http://bdtv.us.to). Viewers can also find that site through [fairhavenps.org](http://fairhavenps.org), FHS, BDTV, and Telethon.

BD-TV will be taking donations of any amount from viewers by email at [bdtv@fairhavenps.org](mailto:bdtv@fairhavenps.org) or mail to

Fairhaven High School, c/o BDTV Telethon, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719; or call 508-979-4051, ext. 0 and ask for the TV Studio.

## Save Livesey Park

The students at Hastings Middle School and others continue to try to raise funds to restore and repair Fairhaven's skate park. The next event is on **Sat. 4/27, 12-5 p.m. at Livesey Park** in North Fairhaven.

There will be food, music, contest, prizes and more. For more information contact Ann Richard and the school, 508-979-4063 or [arichard@fairhavenps.org](mailto:arichard@fairhavenps.org)

## FBA Meeting

The Fairhaven Business Association will be holding its next monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 1, at the Hampton Inn, 1 Hampton Way**. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Hartley, Southeastern Massachusetts Convention and Visitor's Bureau, starting at 5:30. We will have time for a question and answer segment to follow, everyone is welcome to attend. The FBA meeting will start immediately after, (about 6:00 pm).

We invite all Fairhaven businesses to join us; membership dues are very reasonable. Together we can have a stronger voice. If you have any questions regarding this meeting or the FBA feel free to contact Cathy Melanson, President, 774-206-1132.

## What Can Music Do?

What Can Music Lessons Give Your Child Besides a Love of Music? FAME, Fairhaven Association for Music Education, presents a presentation & discussion, "The Harmonious Child."

Beth Luey, co-author with her daughter's piano teacher of *The Harmonious Child*, will explain the benefits of music lessons for the rest of your child's education. Music may not make your children smarter, but it definitely makes them better students — better able to listen, study, and communicate.

Parents, grandparents, and teachers are welcome to join the conversation with Ms. Luey, Bryan Young, Director of Music for Fairhaven Public Schools, Daniela Chirigotis, string instructor, and other Fairhaven music faculty.

This lively discussion will take place at the monthly meeting of FAME on **Thursday, 5/2, in the cafeteria at Hastings Middle School**, 30 School Street, Fairhaven. Refreshments will be provided, and an autographed copy of *The Harmonious Child* will be awarded to one person attending.

For further information, please contact Doreen Nelsen, 508 994-1098, or consult the organization's website, [f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net](http://f-a-m-e.home.comcast.net).

## Boating classes

US Coast Guard Flotilla 65, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven, is offering the following classes. For more information contact Keith Stalter, [arpeggio56@comcast.net](mailto:arpeggio56@comcast.net) Register Online: <http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/training.html>

**Radar Operations Thurs., 5/2, 7-9:30 p.m.** Radar principles of operation and simplified operator procedures to use for collision avoidance. It will not discuss the Maneuvering Board.

**DSC RADIO Thursday May 9, 7PM-930PM** DSC (Digital Selective Calling) is a newer radio technology allowing enhanced distress radio messages to be sent digitally. Learn what DSC is, and how it can help you in an emergency. It's the boater's equivalent of making a 911 call.

## Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 2, 2013**, has been sanctioned by the United States Government as "National Day of Prayer." Celebrating its 62nd year, this year's theme is Pray for America.

If for some reason you can not attend one of these gatherings, we encourage you to take time to pray alone or with family members at home, or with other like minded people at your work place.

Please note some of the following local locations and times to celebrate the National Day of Prayer: For further locations and information, visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

**Fairhaven Town Hall:** Center St. Between Green & Main Streets. Pastor Jeanne O'Leary; 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

**Acushnet Town Hall:** 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA; David Slivinski; Time: 6:00- 6:45 PM

Contact Pastor Lawrence J. Avila, Steven J. Bouley, NDP Participants, 508 989-8528; 508 997-5616

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Joe Garcia Benefit

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association of Fairhaven will host a Benefit for Joe Garcia, our former President. This event will be held on **Sun., 4/28, from 1-5pm at the Madeira Feast Grounds in New Bedford.** There will be food, music and raffles. Donations are \$20 each. For more info or to purchase tickets contact Ed (508) 558-2058, Jeff (508) 965-0820 or Dave (508) 717-9007.

## Poetry Contest

The Working Waterfront Festival is holding its second annual High School Poetry Contest. Area High School students are invited to compose original poetry about the commercial fishing industry. Poems about fishermen, shoreside workers, fishing boats, fishing families, and other aspects of the working port may be submitted in any style. Students are welcome to submit multiple pieces.

Submissions must be **postmarked no later than April 30.** The winning poet receives \$25. Selected poems will be published in the Festival Program Guide and students may be invited to read their poems at this year's Festival (September 28-29). Interested writers should visit the festival web site to learn more [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org).

## Scholarships

Applicants for scholarships are being sought by the Ladies' Branch of the **New Bedford Port Society.** High school seniors and current undergraduates who meet one or more of the following criteria are welcome to apply: have documented family ties to the sea (whaling ancestors or fishing families), have received an acceptance letter from a maritime academy, or plan to major in maritime science. First consideration is given to families of descendants of seamen. Applicants must be residents of Greater New Bedford.

Students should contact their school's guidance office for details on how to apply. All requirements must be met in order to be eligible for consideration.

Scholarships are administered by the Community Foundation of SE Mass., and are disbursed after successful completion of the fall semester.

## Poetry Group

The Bartleby Scrivener Poetry Group now meets at the 1866 Rounders' Club at The Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., NB, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The schedule is 6:15-6:30 p.m. sign-up and socialize; 6:30-8:30 p.m. poetry discussion. It is suggested that poets bring approximately 15-20 copies of one poem. A \$3 donation is requested although not required.

Bartleby Scrivener Poetry Group is an informal discussion group. The purpose of the group is to invite conversation about poetry and offer encouragement and feedback to poets in a supportive, creative setting. The format is not a critique workshop. Its focus is to provide a comfortable place where poets and lovers of poetry can talk about poetry and share their work and insights.

For more info contact: Susan Grace, 508-993-1999, [sgrace@encorent.com](mailto:sgrace@encorent.com)

## Y Be Healthy

The New Bedford YMCA, a Division of YMCA SOUTHCOAST, will host "Y Be Healthy," a **free healthy living expo, on Saturday, April 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at the YMCA, 25 So. Water St., NB.** The public is invited to attend an afternoon of free healthy and fun activities for all ages.

During the event, the Y will host a variety of activities to showcase the many programs the Y has to offer. Activities will include express demo group exercise classes every 30 minutes. Classes will include yoga, cycling, Zumba, Y CrossTrain and more. Activities in the pool will include open swim, water volleyball, swimming lessons, and water aerobics. There will be children's activities and games as well as rock climbing.

**All activities are free and open to the public.** Call the New Bedford YMCA at 508.997.0734.

## Free Health Assess

Southcoast VNA, will hold free health assessments, screenings and wellness education for seniors.

This program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of seniors, age 60 and older, who reside in the Greater New Bedford area and is funded in part through a grant from

Coastline Elderly Services Inc. and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

**Wed., 5/1:** Brooklawn Senior Center, 1979 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, From 10 am to noon

**Tues., 5/7:** Buttonwood Senior Center, 4 Oneida Street, New Bedford, From 9am to 11 am

For more information on community clinics or individual assessments call 800-698-6877.

## Sailor Series

On **Thurs., 5/2, at 7 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB,** a lecture titled "Volvo Ocean Race" will be presented by Ken Read. Considered one of the world's most accomplished sailors, Mr. Read has twice helmed America's Cup programs, in 2000 and 2003, and was twice named "United States Rolex Yachtsman of the Year."

Pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery.

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 New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling and the cultural history of the region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. For events: [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Caregiver Afternoon

Coastline Elderly Services has rescheduled their annual Caregiver Afternoon Out for **Friday, May 17 at 2pm at the Wamsutta Club** in New Bedford. Bob Unger, Editor-in-Chief of The Standard Times, and author Tim Brookes will share their experiences caring for their aging parents and take questions from the audience.

Please RSVP to Abby Hevey at 508-742-9175 or Libby Costa at 508-742-9171. Tickets are free and open to the public, but donations are always appreciated to help provide caregivers with much-needed medical supplies. Light refreshments.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Little League opens

Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League opening day is this Saturday, 4/27, at Pope Park on Main Street in Acushnet. Parade starts at 11 sharp. Participants should arrive by 10:15 at St. Xavier School on Main St., Acushnet. (Rain date 4/28.) Contact: fairhavenacushnetlittleleague@gmail.com or visit [www.facebook.com/#/FairhavenAcushnetLL](http://www.facebook.com/#/FairhavenAcushnetLL).

Concession stand, raffles, clothing. Games start at 1 p.m. Free shuttle from parking at Council On Aging to Pope Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Parking at St. Xavier's available after the parade.

## "Miracles" F-R

Mattapoissett resident, Jillian Zucco, will present "An Evening For Miracles," a fundraiser to support the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at the Eagle Event Center in Fall River on Friday April 26. Light fare, cash bar, raffle, silent auction, and a live band. **Tickets: \$15.** Advance ticket sales will be eligible for a door prize.

The CMNH is the national platform for the Miss America Organization whose mission is to help save and improve lives of children treated at hospitals in the network, including Hasbro and Boston's Children's.

For information or tickets, email [MiraclesEvent@comcast.net](mailto:MiraclesEvent@comcast.net).

## Tiara Classic

The 7th Annual Women's Fund 5K Race & Walk will take place on Mother's Day, Sun., 5/12, with the start and finish at Oxford Creamery in Mattapoissett. Registration opens at 7 AM; the Children's Fun Run starts at 9:00 AM and the 5K Classic starts at 9:30. Register for the race at [www.womensfundtiara5k.com](http://www.womensfundtiara5k.com) or at the event. **Pre-registration is \$20 before May 1 and \$30 thereafter.** Kids Fun Run registration is \$5. All revenue from the race will support the Women's Fund's mission to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in SE Mass. Teams encouraged.

## Scholarships Avail.

The Acushnet Teachers Association (ATA) Scholarship application forms are **due on May 1.** Applications

forms are available online at [www.acushnetteachers.com](http://www.acushnetteachers.com) or hard copies may be picked up during school hours at the Ford Middle School main office, 708 Middle Road,.

ATA annually awards scholarships to qualified students. Residents of Acushnet or individuals who have attended Acushnet Public Schools for any number of years enrolling in a full-time college program in 2013-14 are eligible for these awards.

Contact Kristine Daniels, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at [kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us](mailto:kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us) or 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

## Afternoon of Poetry

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library's annual Afternoon of Poetry will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Accessible. Guests this year are Grey Held, Alexis Ivy and Margot Wizansky.

Add some poetry to your life with the Friends. Books will be available for purchase and signing, and refreshments will be served.

## Annual Yard Sale

Help homeless dogs and cats by coming to Humane Society and Shelter Southcoast's giant yard sale on Saturday April 27 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Bargains galore will be available at the Humane Society, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth. Society members have been cleaning out their attics to find great items. They have collected household items, books, clothes, toys, and holiday items. Held indoors rain or shine.

Proceeds benefit the Shelter where animals without a roof over their heads find great care and new homes. No early birds for the yard sale. Accessible. For more information and a list of pets available check visit [www.hssc.org](http://www.hssc.org) or call 508-995-6661.

## Run of the Charles

The 31st Annual Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race will take place on Sunday, 4/28, Boston

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River. Call 508-698-6810 or visit [www.charlesriver.org](http://www.charlesriver.org) to register now!

**Volunteers needed** for check-in/registration, boat spotting, and safety.

## Spring Concert

The Sippican Choral Society will present its annual Spring concert on Friday May 3rd, and Saturday May 4th. Starting with a patriotic anthem sung during the Revolutionary War, the concert presents a spirited tribute to American songwriters and poets from the 1770s to the 1990s. The well-known regional chorus is directed by Brian Roderick, and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon and organist Dwight Thomas.

Visit [www.sippicanchoral.org](http://www.sippicanchoral.org).

Both concerts will be performed at St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street Marion, MA at 8:00 pm.

Tickets: Adult \$12; Students \$6 Available at: The Bookstall in Marion; Gail's Goodies & More, 58 Fairhaven Road (Route 6) Mattapoissett; and the Symphony Music Shop, 94 State Road (Route 6), Dartmouth. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Let's Talk Cookbooks

On Sat., 4/27, Yolanda Lodi, editor of the Make It Better With Cranberries series of cookbooks, invites you to Maria's Card & Gift Shop, 1 Center St., Middleborough, (508) 947-0786, between 11 am and 1 pm to talk about your favorite recipes and how to get them published. Imagine handing down your treasured heirloom recipes in a customized cookbook with your name on the cover to loved ones. Combine family history and memorable stories along with recipes for future generations.

## Annual Breakfast

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Seating for the breakfast is 11 a.m. Reservations are required; call 401-231-7363. Admission is \$20 per person, which includes a self-guided tour. The Smith-Appleby House Museum is located at 220 Stillwater Rd. in Smithfield, RI, just off I-295.

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- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1/3 cup vodka or low sodium chicken broth (I use vodka )
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1/4 c. tomato paste
- 1 c. Heavy cream

Chopped fresh basil, optional

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain, reserving 3/4 c. Cooking water. Meanwhile, coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; place over medium heat. Add onion, salt and pepper; cook until onion is just translucent, 2-3 minutes. Add vodka; bring to boil. Cook 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes with their juices, tomato paste and reserved cooking water; bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, until flavors blend, 10 minutes. Stir in cream cook 10 minutes. Stir in pasta; cook until heated through 1-2 minutes. Sprinkle with basil. Serves 4

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# FHS math team wins

The Fairhaven High School Math Team captured the South Division Championship for the 2012-13 SMCML season. Leading scorers were team captains Isaac Allen and Jackson Oliva. Allison Roderiques, Ricky Souza, Ben Elliot, Catherine Rapoza, Annie McGregor, Giuliano Conte, and Robert Pike also had strong seasons. In the end, however, it was a total

team effort that brought home the trophy. The team practices twice a week from October through February and competes in four regular season matches. The total points from the four meets determine the champio. Other local schools include ORR, Apponequet, Bishop Stang, Dartmouth, and the Global Charter.



The Fairhaven High School Math Team won the South Division Championship for the 2012-2013. ABOVE, FRONT ROW, L-R: Coach Francis, Nicole Amanzio, Catherine Rapoza, Nicole Tetreault, Annie McGregor, Jared Fredette, Ashley Rice, Allison Roderiques, Sara daCosta. SECOND ROW, L-R: Ricky Souza, Jackson Oliva, Michael Young, Isaac Allen, Kyle Koczera, Monique Desnoyers, Coach Harding. THIRD ROW, L-R: Giuliano Conte, Matthew Sylvia, Robert Pike, Eric Borges, Ben Elliot, Tristan Hart-Ward, Brandon Chan, Samantha Correia. Submitted photo.

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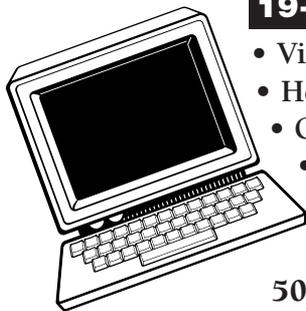
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# Election recounts don't quite finish the whole story

By Beth David  
Editor

Although the Fairhaven Board of Health race is most likely headed to court, the recount for the Planning Board on Monday 4/22, went off without a hitch, with Cathy Melanson accepting her loss by 14 votes. Final count was 1049 for John Farrell and 1035 for Ms. Melanson.

"I feel the same way I felt the first time," said Ms. Melanson. "I'm happy for John. I know he will do a great job. I also know I would've done a great job, too."

She said she plans on running again, that the problem with the ballots did not sour her to politics.

"I'm happy for the town. I'm happy for the process," she said. "I just wish more people had come out and voted."

The BOH recount gave incumbent Peter DeTerra the edge by one vote over challenger John Wethington, with two ballots being challenged by the Wethington camp.

Meanwhile, the ballots and the check-ins and check-outs only match up in one precinct. The ins and outs should have the exact same number. The tape count and the hand counts added together should equal the number of check-ins and check-outs. That only happened in precinct 5.

In precinct one there were 425 check-ins and 426 check-outs; 423 ballots counted by the tape and two hand counts. In precinct two there were 399 check-ins and 399 check-outs; the tape counted 397 ballots and there were three hand counts, which means there is an extra ballot in precinct two.

In precinct three, there were 264 check-ins and check-outs, with 265 counted by the machine and no hand counts. Ms. Lowney said she believed the extra ballot in this precinct was from someone who had moved. The ballot was put through the machine for counting even though she was not on the list.

In precinct four, there were 391 check-ins and 392 check-outs, with the machine counting 392 ballots and one hand count.

In precinct five there were 570 check-ins, 570 check-outs, and 570 ballots counted by the machine. There were no hand counts.

In precinct 6, there were 450 check-

ins, 449 check-outs, and 449 counted by the machine. There was one hand count.

In an election plagued by missteps and mishaps, the saga seems as if it will never end. The Board of Health recount was only certified on Wednesday night having been carried over from Tuesday night after hours of counting and challenges.

During the recount on Tuesday, Mr. Wethington's attorney, Ann Ponichtera DeNardis challenged two ballots. One had a circular mark filled in near Mr. DeTerra's name, but it was not inside the circle. After initially being called out for DeTerra, Ms. DeNardis challenged it and caller Suzanne Blais changed her mind. The Board of Registrars, comprised of town clerk Eileen Lowney, Herbert "Sonny" Eddleston, Lorraine Medeiros and Thomas Alden, Sr., was split on the fate of the ballot.

According to regulations it then should go back to the caller, with Ms. DeNardis arguing that it was not clear if it would be her original call, her second call, or if she got to decide again. The board voted on something, it was unclear what exactly, and the ballot was counted for DeTerra. Ms. DeNardis challenged it and it was put aside, presumably for a judge to decide later.

According to state regulations: "If the marks on the ballot fairly indicate the voter's intent, the vote should be counted in accordance with that intent."

The second ballot that was challenged did indeed have a proper circle filled in, however, it was on the write-in line and the voter did not write in a name. All four registrars and the caller counted it as a blank, but Ms. DeNardis challenged it saying that it should count for Wethington because the circle was closest to his name.

At the end of the night, the board of registrars did not certify the recount, although Town Counsel Tom Crotty and Mr. DeTerra's attorney John Markey, Jr., argued that they should.

Ms. DeNardis said she had the right to examine the spoiled ballots, absentee ballots and voter lists before they could certify the vote.

"The vote is a sham," said Ms. DeNardis at one point.

"We all know where its going to go," Mr. Markey told the registrars.

In the end they continued the recount to Wednesday and finally certified the results under protest from Ms. DeNardis who argued that the it could not be certified because of the discrepancy in the counts.

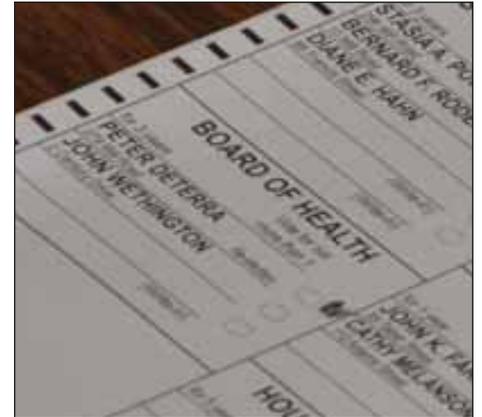
Since the first anomalies were found Ms. DeNardis has argued that a new election is the only solution.

"Citizens have the right to feel confident in their vote," said Ms. DeNardis.

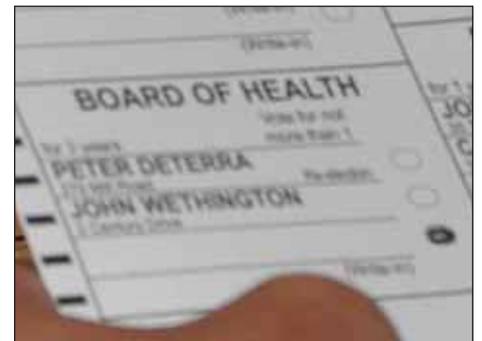
Mr. Markey said that Mr. DeTerra had been declared the winner three times and predicted it would be decided in court.

"The people have spoken," said Mr. DeTerra. "I won three times in a row."

The final count was 1229 DeTerra, and 1228 Wethington.



ABOVE: This ballot has been challenged by John Wethington's attorney, Ann Ponichtera DeNardis. It was counted as a vote for incumbent Peter DeTerra. Ms. DeNardis said that the mark is not in the circle so it should not count. BELOW: Ms. DeNardis argued that this ballot should count for Mr. Wethington because the circle filled in is closer to Mr. Wethington's name than it is to Mr. DeTerra's. The filled in circle is on a line for a write-in, but the voter did not write in a name. It was disqualified by the registrars. Photos by Beth David.



# Planning Board member wants to give *Neighb News* the boot

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

If Fairhaven Planning Board member Rene Fleurent Jr. could have his way, the board would jettison the *Neighb News* as the publication of choice for legal advertisements and choose one of the other local publications instead, as he candidly expressed in the middle of a routine vote to pay bills at the 4/23 Planning Board meeting.

The result of the break-up would be an increase in the application fee for Fairhaven residents applying for building permits pointed out Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth. The rest of the board did not acquiesce to Mr. Fleurent in his suggestion that the *Neighb News* is an unreliable outlet for legal ads.

Mr. Roth was quick to take responsibility for the one item on the agenda that had to be heard that evening, a street discontinuance for Fir Street, which was accidentally left out of the previous legal advertisement for a string of street discontinuances on the Bass Creek Property of Michael and Donna Ristuccia.

Mr. Roth admitted the mistake was his and not the paper's.

Still, Mr. Fleurent expressed his resentment over a typo in the Planning Board article that appeared in the 3/17 *Neighb News* issue that inadvertently printed the maximum tip height (MTH) of wind turbines in the proposed new wind turbine bylaw at 200 feet instead of the actual 265 feet.

He said the *Neighb News* makes errors throughout its articles "all the time" and thus cannot be relied upon to provide accurate legal advertisements. He later insisted that there have been errors in legal advertisements which Mr. Roth repudiated, saying that the only errors he has seen during his 12 years at Town Hall were two occasions when ads were not published when expected, which he added were corrected immediately.

Mr. Fleurent said either the *Advocate* or the *Wanderer*, a Tri-Town publication, would be a better alternative, but Mr. Roth clarified for Mr. Fleurent that the board could only use the *Neighb News*, the *Standard Times*, or the *Advocate* and not the

*Wanderer*.

Board member Jeffrey Lucas asked how much the board would have to increase its budget if it switched to a different publication. Mr. Roth said it would not affect the board's budget — it would affect the applicant by having to charge more, "dramatically increasing the fees for the applicant," as Mr. Roth put it.

Mr. Fleurent continued with his sullenness over the misprint of the actual MTH mentioned in the proposed wind turbine bylaw and told everyone that the misprint confused a lot of people in Town.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Fleurent claimed that "at least a dozen" residents approached him personally who were confused over

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the MTH, but when asked to be more specific, he stated that he could not remember any specific instances.

In the 11/29/12 issue of the *Neighb News*, Mr. Fleurent wrote an angry letter to the editor denying that he used the f-word during the 11/13/12 meeting, as published, which the paper refused to retract.

Vice-chairperson Gary Staffon, as he has done in the past, raised the issue of total circulation of the *Neighb News* and questioned whether it was sufficient. He stated that residents of surrounding towns, including Wareham, might have an interest in the legal goings-on in Fairhaven and the board should switch to a paper that covers those towns.

Mr. Roth, whose daughter recently competed in a regional geography bee and was featured in a story in both the *Neighb News* and the *Standard Times*, said that he received

"ten times" the comments from the public about the article in the *Neighb News* than he did from readers of the *Standard Times*.

Board member Francis Budryk said, in his opinion, the *Standard Times* is "probably far worse" when it comes to publishing errors. He later told Mr. Fleurent that if he was so upset then he should "write a letter."

After the meeting, when asked about the reliability of legal advertisements, Mr. Fleurent refused to clarify on whether or not the legal advertisements in the *Neighb News* were reliable and if the board was "getting what it's paying for," as he put it earlier in the meeting.

Board member John Farrell motioned to have Mr. Roth collect data on the per-column rates of the three local publications for consideration at the next meeting.

Also at the meeting, the one item on the agenda, a street discontinuance for Fir Street by applicants Donna and Michael Ristuccia, was accepted by the board after Mr. Ristuccia explained how he was proposing to grant an easement for an approximately 150-foot section of the path that dips slightly onto his land. The pathway is used by residents to access the beach, crossing from Misty Bay Road to Bass Creek Road.

Fir Street, a paper street covered in thick vegetation, apart from the pathway, is 40 feet wide. The board voted to discontinue the street, retaining a 20-foot right of way on the eastern half, where the path is.

Mr. Ristuccia will provide an easement for the portion of the existing footpath that dips slightly down onto his property at one point. The easement for the right-of-way will be recorded on the deed.

There were no changes as a result of board elections for chairperson, vice-chair, and clerk. Wayne Hayward, Gary Staffon, and Peter Nopper will remain in their positions, respectively. Jeff Lucas will remain the Planning Board Community Preservation Committee (CPC) representative and Rene Fleurent will remain as Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development Division rep for the board.

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# Acushnet library project has one more chance

By Beth David  
Editor

The Girl Scouts are trying to rescue their precious Acushnet meeting place with a last ditch effort to get the matter before voters for a second time. A citizen petition to get the measure on the special town meeting ballot had 684 signatures; 100 are required. The Selectboard voted at their meeting on 4/22 to put the article on the warrant and make it article #1 so the girls can attend and still make it to bed at a decent hour, because town meeting is on a school night.

Girl Scout mom Gina Lanzoni LaFountain addressed the board, telling them that the Girl Scouts were “devastated” when the measure did not pass on April 1.

“So the girls and moms all got together,” she said, to give the project another chance. She said they had to be “the voice for the kids” who obviously can’t vote for themselves.

In four days they got 684 signatures for the article to be on the warrant.

The state grant money for \$3.2 million will pay for half the \$6.4 million project that will renovate and add to the Acushnet Community Center and allow the Russell Memorial Library to move into the space on Middle Road. An additional \$365,000 from other sources drops the price to 46% of the cost for

Acushnet taxpayers.

The measure will have to be passed by voters in a townwide election before 6/30/13, when the state grant money will disappear

The measure failed by 36 votes on April 1. The Community Center will close at the end of June when its lease is up unless the Library takes over the space.

In other business the board had various departments clarify requests on the special and annual town meeting warrants, ultimately approving all articles.

The warrants should be available on the town’s website by the end of the week.

The board also agreed with the Finance Committee’s request to have an audit done of the water and sewer division. The Department of Revenue provides the service for free, but it could take some time for them to be able to do it. The board instructed Town Administrator Al Coutinho to



ABOVE: Girl Scouts and their moms attend the Acushnet Selectboard meeting on 4/22 to make their case for getting the Library/Community Center project on the special town meeting warrant on 5/20. The moms also asked for the item to be the first article so the girls could attend and still get to bed at a decent hour. The Selectboard voted to accommodate both requests. L-R: Cheryl Jesse, Faith Ransom, Debbie Rock, Lily LaFountain, Gina Lanzoni LaFountain. Photo by Beth David.

look into pricing for a private firm to conduct the audit and to contact the DOR to find out what is involved in having them conduct the audit.

Among the articles approved for town meeting was a measure to upgrade paramedics to G4 status for retirement purposes. It puts paramedics on the same level as police officers, firefighters and other first responders.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher told the board that paramedics are exposed

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## Acushnet reminds dog owners to get licenses

According to the Town of Acushnet By-Laws, all owners are required to license their dog(s) between January 1st and March 31st each calendar year.

Failure to do so will result in a

\$10.00 late fee issued from the Town Clerk’s Office. **On May 1st \$25.00 Citation(s)** will be mailed out in addition to the \$10.00 late fee. These citations will be issued by the Animal Control Officer Rebekah Tomlinson.

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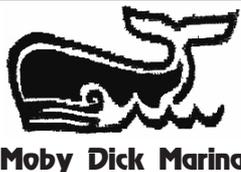
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# Neighborhood goes from one noise nuisance to another

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Two Middle Street residents who recently spoke out about alleged noise and air pollution caused by the Fairhaven Shipyard showed up to the 4/22 Fairhaven Conservation Commission to ask questions about the Town's proposed demolition of a the dilapidated former MacLean's Seafood building and expansion of the Town-owned Union Wharf.

"It's like mayhem down there," said Fay Bartling of 12 Middle Street, referring to Union Wharf. She said she and some other residents of the neighborhood are "subject to significant noise" and the "disruption of life" has been intolerable.

Ms. Bartling and Garth Rowe of 16 Middle Street arrived during the middle of the public hearing, missing some key information about the project; but Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth, Shellfish Warden Tim Cox, and the Town's representative Susan Neilsen were willing to run through the details for them.

They told Ms. Bartling and Mr. Rowe that there is no question the actual construction and work will have an impact on the neighbors, but in the end, the construction of a power pedestal, or dockside power station, will significantly reduce noise and air pollution from boat engines idling to generate power aboard the vessels.

"That's very nice," said Ms. Bartling. But then she added that it was not the boats at the wharf that made most of the noise. "The other people do," she said.

ConCom Chairperson Joe Taylor reminded the two neighbors that ConCom is only responsible for the conservation end of it and not their complaints about noise.

"I'm trying to conserve my sanity," said Ms. Bartling.

Mr. Roth addressed the residents and began explaining details of the project. He was interrupted by Mr. Taylor who asserted that the

conversation was getting off-point.

ConCom member Andy Jones disagreed with Mr. Taylor and encouraged Mr. Roth to go on.

Mr. Roth described the plan to demolish the crumbling building and the piles it stands upon and replace it with a concrete deck. The four-phase project, estimated to cost \$7 million or more, also includes upgrades to the bulkheads and a new northern finger pier system.

Some details still need to be worked out, such as compensation to the owner of a 900 square-foot area within the demolition zone.

Ms. Bartling asked Mr. Roth who the owner was.

Mr. Taylor told her the question was inappropriate and looked to Mr. Jones seated next to him for

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It's like mayhem  
down there  
[Fay Bartling]

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confirmation.

Mr. Jones stated that Ms. Bartling should be asking questions through the chairperson and not through Mr. Roth.

"One of the owners of the Fairhaven Shipyard," said Mr. Roth a little hesitantly.

"Ah-hah!" Ms. Bartling responded. She then asked how many more boats the finger piers would accommodate. Mr. Cox began to explain a few more lobster boats and some town-owned boats, but no commercial fishing vessels.

"You need to put these questions through me," said Mr. Taylor, almost begging Ms. Bartling.

Mr. Cox continued to answer the residents' concerns until Mr. Roth got up from his chair and began pointing out some details from the plan displayed on the easel.

Again, Mr. Taylor said the conver-

sation was heading off-topic.

"I feel justified in asking my questions," said Ms. Bartling raising her voice.

She then asked Ms. Neilsen to repeat what she was saying before the interruption.

"Ma'am, you have to come through the chair," said Mr. Taylor.

Ms. Bartling told him she was just asking her to repeat what she was saying.

"I didn't hear you," said Mr. Taylor. "I'm sorry."

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve, which passed.

Also during the meeting, Department of Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau appeared before the commission to answer to conservation violations, specifically over-cutting vegetation of wetlands at places on Scoticut Neck Road. Also discussed was the lack of a definitive emergency plan for debris collection and storage and the use of chip seal.

ConCom had some strong words during previous meetings about DPW violations but the final confrontation was rather mild.

"I don't expect you guys to be wetlands experts," said Mr. Jones, and encouraged them to seek guidance from ConCom when necessary.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Taylor described a wetlands area off Wayne Street as having been covered in oil sheen and "chunks of oil" as a result of chip seal installation.

"You're not talking a sheen, you're talking actual oil," said Mr. Jones. He compared it to someone dumping five gallons of waste oil over the area.

Mr. Taylor said he knew the DPW had work to do, but when the public sees them doing it improperly "it doesn't look good."

The commission requested that Mr. Furtado provide them with a "basic plan in writing" and "forward a couple 'quick policies.'"

Later in the meeting, Michael

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The brothers immigrated to the United States from Kyrgyzstan about 10 years ago, but are Chechan. The younger brother became a citizen on 9/11/12. The older brother had reportedly become more and more militant in his Islamic faith and alienated from his adopted country. His request for citizenship was delayed because of an FBI investigation in 2011 after Russia asked the US to investigate him for possible connections to Chechan terrorists.

The Chechans have been in a bitter battle for independence since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was arraigned in his hospital bed on charges of using a weapon of mass destruction against persons and property at the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013, resulting in the death of three people and injuries to more than 200 people.

He may also face charges in the death of MIT police officer Sean Collier who was killed in his cruiser. The pair also allegedly carjacked a

man, wounded MBTA police officer Richard Donohue Jr., and threw explosives out the window during pursuit in Cambridge and Watertown.

The entire cities of Boston Belmont, Cambridge, Newton Waltham and Watertown were on lockdown while police searched for Dzhokhar, who had been wounded and was believed to be in a 20-block area in Watertown. After police searched the area, they reopened the cities and called off the lockdown. Within 20 minutes a Watertown resident reported a body in his covered boat in the back yard.

After a fire, a seriously wounded Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was apprehended by police from inside the boat, which was only one or two blocks outside the search area. The wild chases, searches and firefights were heavily covered by the local news media which aired it all live on television, radio, the internet, Facebook and Twitter.

Officials say it appears that the brothers acted alone. The IEDs (improvised explosive devices) were created using low grade black powder, BBs and nails, and placed in pressure cookers.

The criminal complaint is available on the Department of Justice's website: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2013/April/criminalcomplaint1304211847.pdf> or through a link on the FBI's website, [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)



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# Letters from our readers

## Girl Scouts make case for Community Center project

Hello my name is Debbie Rock I live in Fairhaven but I have been actively involved in the Acushnet Community Center with Girl Scouts for 11 years. I am one of the many leaders that meet at the Center.

The community center is very important to the success of Girl Scouting. This is the only building in town that can accommodate 5 troops of girls utilizing 5 rooms at one time.

The building services girls from the age of 5 through 18. The community center is also a help to parents because they are able to have their daughters that are in different age levels meet at one time instead of having to go on different nights, different places. If there is no longer a Community center then this one-of-a-kind opportunity will be lost.

Because so many troops can meet, Girl Scout numbers have stayed strong. Each level gets to learn about other levels and keep their interest going. We tend to lose girls during middle school years, but because of this building this is not happening

with the girls that come to the Community Center.

The different levels work together to earn badges, plan programs and build lasting friendship. Most troops do not have this advantage and are unable to do everything that our troops do because of this building.

If we lose this building and can't find another building like this we will not be able to house five troops at the same time, we may lose 50 percent of the girls or more.

The friendships they have made along the way may suffer because this is the only building where girls are able to interact together in a multi-level meeting place. We wish to ask for your support for approving the Library/Community center plans.

For the past 11 years Girl Scouting has depended on the community center to run programs and meetings. Approximately 400 Girl Scouts from Acushnet/Fairhaven/NB have entered these doors. Today this building is home to 65 Girl Scouts.

A YES vote will allow for future girls to have the opportunity to build self-esteem, confidence and leader-

ship skills together.

A NO vote will be a great loss not only to Girl Scouts but also a loss to the community because future programs that run today will be lost forever.

Once again please vote YES not only for Girl Scouting but the community of Acushnet.

Thank you for your time and attention.

*Ms. Debbie Rock and Ms. Cheryl Jesse, Co Girl Scout Leaders*

## Women's Military Monument needs help

The Womens Military memorial committee consists of 6 women: Col. Grace Regan USAF Nurse Corp; Priscilla Louro-Fonseca USAF & Veteran Advocate Host; Kathleen Splinter Army Nurse, Vietnam; Stephanie Poyant; Linda Morad; Kathy Luiz, daughter of WW II Army Nurse

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- Notice of Intent Applicant Ruth M. Geoffroy Location 4 Wilbur's Point Drive Plot 43 Lots 77 & 78 Purpose repair septic system and construct 8 x 10 shed within 100, of coastal bank and within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant David T. Fall Location 6 Cove Street Plot 28B Lot 48 Purpose after the fact filing for beach nourishment and raking.
- Request for Determination Applicant Steven D. Cromwell Location 30 Camel Street Plot 29 Lot 69 Purpose construct a 8' x 10; shed within 100' buffer zone to BE and within an AE flood zone.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joseph Taylor, Chairman  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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|----------------------|----------------|------|------|-------|-------|
|                      |                | a.m. | p.m. | a.m.  | p.m.  |
| Thursday             | 25             | 0810 | 2034 | 0145* | 1342* |
| Friday               | 26             | 0858 | 2122 | 0233* | 1426* |
| Saturday             | 27             | 0948 | 2212 | 0321* | 1512* |
| Sunday               | 28             | 1040 | 2306 | 0409* | 1600* |
| Monday               | 29             | 1135 | ---  | 0458* | 1650* |
| Tuesday              | 30             | 0002 | 1232 | 0552* | 1745  |
| <b>May,<br/>2013</b> |                | HIGH |      | LOW   |       |
|                      |                | a.m. | p.m. | a.m.  | p.m.  |
| Wednesday            | 1              | 0100 | 1331 | 0656  | 1852  |
| Thursday             | 2              | 0200 | 1432 | 0823  | 2044  |
| Friday               | 3              | 0301 | 1534 | 0940  | 2225  |
| Saturday             | 4              | 0404 | 1635 | 1032  | 2324  |
| Sunday               | 5              | 0506 | 1734 | 1110  | ---   |

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bikeway Committee

Thurs., 4/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 5/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Contributory Retirement Public Hearing re: COLA

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

### Cultural Council

Mon., 5/6, Nemasket Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 4/25, BPW/Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 5/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 5/15, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 4/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

Tues., 4/30, voting 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

### Sustainability Comm.

Mon., 4/29, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Town Meeting

Sat., 5/4, HMS, 9 a.m.

### TM/Precinct Meetings

Thurs., 5/2, HMS, 6 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Mon., 5/6, Community Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Wed., 5/8, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 5/16, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### Town Meeting

Mon., 5/20, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

### SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

Tues., 4/30, voting 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

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community, whether you are a business, or an individual, to help us build this monument.

The Women's Memorial Fund has been established at St. Anne Credit Union, 93 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

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We hope that you will consider supporting this project and the courageous, selfless, and loving women it represents. Some day it may be your granddaughters. The committee hopes to have the new monument installed at Fort Tabor on Veterans day, 2013.

We are also trying to obtain stories about the women who have served in our military or are currently serving in our military. If you know of anyone that would like to tell a story about her life in the military, please have

her send a copy of her story and a picture in uniform if possible. Our goal is to publish a book with stories about the Women from the South Coast area who have served their country and give it to the Military Museum at Fort Tabor for all to see.

This is our History, your mother, wife, sister, daughter, friend

Also, if you would like to be part of this committee, all are welcome.

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*Kathy Luiz, Fairhaven*

### Flag Guy says "Thank You"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the good people/local businesses that sponsor The Charles Albraugh AKA "The Flag Guy" Memorial. There is so much that must be done in order to keep this site in good order. And most importantly are the Flags, which fly 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Since they are flying during the hours of darkness they must be illuminated. As such we must

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As such I would like to thank each and every sponsor. They are (listed alphabetically): Mr. Paul Wesoly of All Security, Mr. Ruy DaSilva of Artistic Auto Body, Dom Corey Upholstery, Dr. Brian Bowcock of Fairhaven Chiropractic, Mr. Frank Almeida of First Citizens Credit Union, Peter Hallissey, All the members of The Leathernecks MCI, Mr. Leo & Mr. Edie Coons of Leo's Machine & Welding Service, And Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Linda Meredith in loving memory of Mr. Thomas Meredith and the Crew of the Alehena.

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Thank You,

*Roland E. Lavalley, Caretaker, The Flag Guy Memorial*

## CONCOM: cont'd from page 17

Keyhoe, a representative for property owner Island Associates, showed up to address an enforcement order for an unsanctioned stream crossing on Welcome Street.

Mr. Keyhoe said the property owner did not build the bridge and Island Associates never even wanted the bridge built over the stream. They agreed to file an application to remove it and restore the area to its original state.

In other matters, the commission approved the Notice of Intent for N&T Realty Fatima Cardoso Tr. on Alden Road after several continuances.

ConCom member Janine Peccini drafted a set of special conditions which included placing boulders to demarcate the boundaries of the cleared area, a mandatory permeable driveway, and re-vegetation of areas following the completion of the construction of a new single-family house.

Abutter Jane Howland, who waited until almost the end of the meeting for the hearing to begin, put on her coat and left abruptly after realizing that the commission was not going to call for abutters to speak because they did last meeting.

In other business:

- ConCom approved the Request for

Determination to demolish an existing house, construct a new single-family house, and re-grade within the 100-foot buffer zone for Eric Denzer of 21 Long Road.

- The commission continued the hearing for the replacement of a seawall for applicant Doris Gallagher of 57 Nakata Avenue until 5/6. An on-site was scheduled for 5/5.
- Also continued until 5/6 was the hearing for Janice Kreitz of 21 Shaws Cove to replace a cesspool with a septic system, in order to schedule an on-site visit with Wetlands Consultant John Rockwell on 5/5.
- The hearing for Gregory and Margaret Kulpinski of Goulart Memorial Drive was continued until 5/6 at the applicants' request.
- ConCom approved, with many conditions, the installation of a septic system for Albert and Lillian Roza of 162 Weeden Road, pending Board of Health approval.
- The commission scheduled an on-site visit to the property of Lauren Francis at 1 Smugglers Road.

### VOTE ON TUESDAY

in the Special State Primary on Tues., 4/30, to fill John Kerry's Senate Seat.

## ACUSH: cont'd from page 16

on a daily basis to blood borne pathogens and other hazard and should be placed on an "equitable status" with police officers and firefighters.

"They put their lives on the line every day," said Selectboard Chairperson Leslie Dakin after the unanimous vote.

The board also engaged in a discussion with both public works and golf course representatives about two old lawn mowers that the golf course wants to trade in. The board discussed the possibility of keeping the old mowers for backup or giving them to the public works department. The mowers, however, are too large for DPW needs and the golf course does not have enough storage room to keep them as backups.

The board also discussed the gas account and the possibility of moving it from the DPW budget and spreading it out for each department to budget for its own vehicles. Mr. Coutinho explained that it used to be done that way and was changed to make it easier to track, so they left it the way it is.

The board convened in executive session to discuss non-union personnel contracts and was expected to reconvene to sign them. ●●●

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