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## West Island 5K registrations top 850



Contestants in the "Kids Mile Fun Run" take off heading south on Ebony Street on West Island near the West Island Improvement Association community house. More than 700 contestants signed up for the adult race, with 552 finishing on Sunday, 4/28 for the second annual West Island 5K. Proceeds from the event benefit the Fairhaven High School Cross Country program. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it 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

Just before press time three students, two local, were arrested and charged with helping to cover up evidence in the Marathon bombing case.

I haven't had a chance to read the complaint yet, I needed to keep working on the paper, but from the accounts so far, it sound like they knew exactly what they were doing. I can't imagine what they were thinking. To quote my brilliant text to my niece: stupid, stupid, stupid kids.

They don't face big long terms in prison, because they are not accused of helping with the attack, just with trying to help their murderous roommate get away with it. Really, what were they thinking?

Really kids, be careful who your friends are. You never know what kind of trouble they'll get you into.

I totally spaced on putting a notice in that the Fairhaven Office of Tourism 2013 Visitors Guide book. It's available online, and is probably available in printed form by now at the tourism office. You can download it from the office of tourism website, <http://fairhaventours.blogspot.com>, which you can also link to from the town's website.

It's a beautiful piece, with a lot of beautiful pictures of Fairhaven and a ton of information on fun stuff to do, where to stay, etc. Tell your friends about it, visit the link, click away.

We have a bunch of good stuff in here this week. It's the last issue before town meeting so we have published the salaries of town employees (see page 26) and we have a summary of the articles that TM members will face on Saturday.

As usual, the weather looks like it'll be beautiful, and therefore agonizingly tough to be indoors. But we'll be there. You can read all about it in next week's issue, unless you're a town meeting member, in which case, you're supposed to be there.

John Wethington has asked the selectboard to petition the court for a new election. Guess we saw that coming. See page 30 for that.

Our last Finance Committee story, for awhile anyway, is on page 18. The FinCom will probably take a break for a few weeks after town meeting.

Selectboard met this week, too. See page 4 for our harbormaster's ongoing woes with wayward craft.

We also have lots of fun stuff this week: the West Island 5K (page 16), the first annual Cherry Blossom Festival (page 3), the very last Rogers Talent Show (page 22), and... well, just thumb through, you'll find the rest.

We had so much fun stuff I had to save some of it, for next week.

Well, time to go. Be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We made a mistake in our Planning board story last week. If the board uses a different newspaper for legal notices, fees to applicants requiring a public hearing will see an increase in costs, not building permits. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Trees cooperate just in time for first Cherry Blossom Fest

By Beth David  
Editor

The trees donated by Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara last year blossomed just in time for the first annual Fairhaven Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, 4/28.

Last August, Dr. Hinohara donated 14 trees to strengthen the friendship between the U.S. and Japan and between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu, the village of Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the United State. Manjiro was rescued from a deserted island by Capt. William Whitfield in 1841.

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House and Museum is in the house that they lived in.

Cherry trees symbolize a fresh start and when they blossom it is a special time in Japan, when people travel the country to see the blossoming trees.

Six of the 14 trees were planted at

Cooke Memorial Park on the corner of Cherry and Pilgrim streets, where the festival was held. The event included traditional singing by the Rogers School singers; dedication of a peace pole; drumming; paper (kamishibai) theater about Manjiro's story; museum tours, including at the nearby Colonial Club, which also had tea and dessert; kimono display and names written in Japanese. Events were free, except for a box lunch of sushi and other Japanese food that required tickets.

The Cherry Blossom viewing, or "o-hanami" was ongoing and the little trees did not disappoint. Though small, they had lots of color.

According to WMFS president Gerry Rooney, the trees in the other parts of town blossomed too soon, but the four at the park, which is right on the water, held off a little while longer.

Selectboard members and Consul

General Akira Muto and his wife also attended the event. Mr. Muto said he had to attend the first cherry blossom festival in Fairhaven, adding that the cherry trees in Tokyo had finished blossoming.

He said it was "wonderful" to be able to have the event and to see so many local people show up for it. In addition to the children, more than 50 people attended.

Here is the English translation to one of the folk songs the children sang.

Sakura, Sakura,\*

Now is the cherry blossom time,  
Clouds of petals fill the sky;  
Perfume floats like mist in the air,  
Blossoms fragrant everywhere,  
Sakura, Sakura,  
Beauty in the springtime

\*Cherry blossom, or cherry tree



LEFT: The Rogers School singers, led by Doreen Nelsen (far right), and Sue Joseph (far left) sing traditional Japanese songs while dressed in colorful traditional costumes at the first annual Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, 4/28, at Cooke Memorial Park in Fairhaven. RIGHT, L-R: Consul General Akira Muto, Gerry Rooney and Charles Murphy, unveil the peace pole which reads "May peace prevail on earth" in English, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish. BELOW LEFT: Six of the 14 trees donated by Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara last year line the Pilgrim Street side of Cooke Memorial Park and blossomed just in time for the festival on Sunday. MIDDLE & RIGHT: the Rogers School Singers sing the Jump Rope song while a boy and girl take turns jumping rope to the words, such as jumping on one leg when the lyrics say to. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



# Selectboard raises boat fees; bans houseboats for moorings

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

Boat owners who fail to pay rental fees for space at Union Wharf will face higher penalties in the form of deposit forfeitures, and the selectboard voted to increase required deposits from \$750 to \$1,500. The chagne is for the large boats, not the boats in the basin.

Trying to collect from people delinquent with their rental fees has been an ongoing problem in Fairhaven, said Town Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch. According to a recent review, 12 boats left the region last year while still owing the town considerable amounts money, and there are already three boat owners this year in arrears for more than the amount of their deposits.

"It's nice to say we want to work with the boats, but the boats aren't working with the town," said Mr. Osuch. "I think they're taking advantage of the community. Either the town has to start collecting money up front or we need to raise the deposit."

Harbormaster David Darmofal agreed that the difficulties in collecting rent have been a major issue for several harbormasters, but he stressed that a large part of the problem was an antiquated system that is "not far above stone tablets and chisels" when it comes to processing and enforcement for violations and scofflaws.

"Just raising the deposits won't help — the system needs to be revamped," he said. "As Harbor-master, I can't make a captain move a boat except in cases of environmental hazards."

There needs to be some kind of system where, if a boat fell into arrears, the town could issue a trespassing violation and allow the harbormaster to take the owner to small claims court, he said. He asked for a joint meeting with the selectboard, the town accountant, treasurer, and town counsel to discuss ways the problem could be addressed.

"With interdepartmental efforts you need coordination," he said. "I envision a whole system being designed that has responsibilities for everyone involved."

The board agreed to designate Geoffrey Haworth as the liaison for

the project.

At the recommendation of Mr. Darmofal, the board also voted to approve regulations banning houseboats from town moorings.

Mr. Darmofal said he has received requests to put houseboats on moorings. He said Buzzards Bay and the Acushnet River are closed areas where boats are not allowed to dump black water. The town's program for pumping sewage from recreational boats does not include houseboats.

"From an environmental standpoint, I would recommend against it, as I just can't monitor their waste disposal," he said.

Boat owners found in violation of the ban will have three days to comply, after which the houseboats

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may be removed at the discretion of the harbormaster.

There was bad news for quahoggers, too, as Shellfish Warden Tim Cox announced that parts of Round Cove will not open in May as originally planned. Water testing results from Balsam Street to the tip of Bella Vista Island have come back with bad levels and the area will be shut down by the Division of Marine Fisheries for most of the year for additional testing.

The good thing is that it's not animal, human, bird, or even quahog wastes causing the contamination, he said. Instead, the problem appears that water is not circulating or flushing from the area except at high tide. Unfortunately, the affected areas are the places that are the most accessible and easiest to reach for recreational quahoggers.

The owner of Bella Vista Island is supposed to keep the causeway area dredged, and Mr. Cox said that DEP will notify the owner of his responsibility.

Mr. Cox proposed that other areas such as Senior Cove, which is usually restricted for seniors' use, be opened for general recreational use one weekend a month during the summer.

Shaun Provencher, a land protection planner with the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, came before the board to explain state plans for a land purchase south of Doane Street. The project, which has been in the works for nearly five years, is aimed at purchasing a four-acre parcel of land from NSTAR. The property would become part of Ft. Phoenix, but would be preserved for trails rather than cleared as there are already a number of well-developed trails on it.

NSTAR's original asking price was \$2 million dollars, as they had envisioned the potential of four buildable lots on the property, explained Town Planner Bill Roth. After assessing the property and realizing that only one house could be built on the parcel and that the costs for developing the infrastructure would cost more than what they could sell it for, NSTAR agreed to drop the asking price to \$150,000 and sell it to the state for conservation purposes, he said.

Mr. Provencher hopes to close on the deal by the end of the fiscal year, and the board accepted his request to waive the 120-day requirement to allow him to close the deal on June 30th.

The board approved a request to use the Town Hall Auditorium on June 29th for the 50th reunion for Fairhaven High School alumni, but denied the waiver of the rental fees. The board noted that, generally, rental fees are waived for non-profit organizations only, and there was no indication that the alumni organization was a non-profit. They were willing to reconsider if the organization could show that profits were earmarked for scholarships or some other charitable use.

The board voted to change two items for the Annual Town Meeting, reducing a capital outlay article for the Shellfish Warden from \$3,500 to

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Stamp Out Hunger

The annual Stamp Out Hunger campaign by the National Association of Letter Carriers will be on May 11 this year. Please leave out non-perishable items near your mailbox by 8 a.m. on **Saturday, 5/11**. Your letter carrier will pick up the food and it will be delivered to area food Pantries. Food collected in Fairhaven will go to the Shepherd's Food Pantry in Acushnet and Damien Food Pantry in Wareham. See page 30 for letter.

## Blessing of Bikes

St. Joseph's School Blessing of the Bikes will be held on Sunday, 5/5 (rain date 5/19). Sign up at 10 a.m. until noon. Run leaves sharply at 12 noon. Meet in the rear parking lot at Ft. Phoenix. \$15 per bike.

Run will go from Ft. Phoenix to St. Joseph's Church for the blessing, then a two-hour ride through backroads, ending at the Ice House Bar & Grill for live music by Shipyard Wreck and the Relics, cash bar, \$5 BBQ selections, raffles, vendors.

For more information call Liz at St. Joseph's School, 508-996-1983, or the Ice House, 508-992-2337.

Proceeds benefit the school.

## Children's Theater

The Millicent Library in Fairhaven is featuring Southcoast Readers Theatre Children's Group on **5/4 at 1 p.m.** Four children, ages 5-10 will be reading "A Giraffe and A Half" by Shel Silverstein. Event is directed by Bonnie-Jeanne Brault and is free of charge and open to the public.

The Millicent Library is located at 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Call 508-992-5342, or email Jane Murphy (jmurphy@sailsinc.org). Visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/>

## At the Unitarian

On **Sunday, May 5 at 10:30**, the **Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven**, will hold a service of celebration to mark the sixth year of intentionally and officially becoming a "welcoming congregation," which means that they especially welcome into their midst Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) people.

A soon-to-be-married couple with children will offer their precious

story of becoming who they truly are. The church's Welcoming Congregation Fellowship will participate in the service. We welcome ALL who wish to celebrate with us. Call 508-992-7081, or visit [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org).

## FTA Annual mtg

**The Fairhaven Tennis Association will be holding its annual opening day on Saturday May 11, at Hastings Middle School Courts from 10 a.m.-12 noon.** We will have information available on all of our programs. We will be taking registration for our many junior instructional programs as well as our adult instructional programs. Our professional staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. We also encourage everyone to consider becoming a member of the Fairhaven Tennis Association. More information can be found at [www.fairhaventennis.org](http://www.fairhaventennis.org)

The FTA is a regional tennis association that offers low cost programs for adults and children. We are the only Community Tennis Association from New Bedford to Wareham that is affiliated with the United States Tennis Association and follows their guidelines in our instructional programs.

## Hospice Volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding, unique volunteer experience? Perhaps you have musical, artistic or creative gifts that can be shared with individuals that would enhance their quality of life as they journey to end of life. Or perhaps you would simply like to be a quiet presence and companion to a hospice patient. Life Choice Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients under hospice care in your community. We are also looking for volunteers interested in Reiki, Pet Therapy or Massage Therapy.

Volunteers are formally trained and are a valued part of the interdisciplinary team in serving patients at end of life. If you are interested please call Karen Spangler 508-743-0203 or [kspangler@lifechoicehospice.com](mailto:kspangler@lifechoicehospice.com).

## Bike Ride

**Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Bike Ride. Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m.** Starts at Ft. Phoenix State Beach, Fairhaven

Celebrate National Bike week by taking part in either of two bike rides through the beautiful, historical streets of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, sponsored by the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. The Family ride is 5 to 8 miles on the Phoenix Bike Trail and low-traffic Fairhaven streets. The Advanced Ride is 20 to 24 miles on the roads of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. Participants must wear bicycle helmets. **Free.**

## Blood Drives

The Southcoast™ Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital hosts blood drives throughout the region on the Southcoast Health Van and at local businesses. To schedule a free blood drive please call Catherine Alegria, Southcoast Blood Donor Coordinator, at 508-993-0430 or by email at [alegriac@southcoast.org](mailto:alegriac@southcoast.org).

The following **blood drives** will be held in Fairhaven:

**Sun., May 5:** St. Joseph's Church, 74 Spring Street, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Wed., May 8:** Re/Max Open House, 22 Laura Lane, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Tree-care Books

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees. *Conservation Trees* is a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, photos and easily-understood descriptions.

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

Send a \$3 check this month along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at [arborday.org/conservationtrees](http://arborday.org/conservationtrees).

## Food Addicts Anon

Are you having a hard time controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous meets **every Sunday at 6:30 pm, Atria Fairhaven**, 319 Alden Rd., Fairhaven. For information, contact: Paula G. 508-674-2128 / Carol X. 508-992-4656. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. <http://www.foodaddicts.org>, 781-932-6300.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## St. Anthony's concert

On Sunday, May 5 at 3pm, it is time for the Spirit of St. Anthony Choir to come together in the MUSIC AT ST. ANTHONY'S 2013 Concert & Tea. In the exceptionally heavenly setting of St. Anthony of Padua church, this year's group — a 50-voice choir from 30 different churches as far as Attleboro — will assemble under the direction of David Touchette with Dwight Thomas at the organ, and Isleila Rodrigues accompanying on piano.

Although the concert is a fundraiser to restore the organ for its 100th anniversary, every year, the May concert is dedicated to our armed forces. Because this is the tenth year for this concert, and our country is still in conflicts, a color guard will present the American Flag during a tribute to all the branches of the U.S. services. No tickets are needed to attend, but a freewill offering will be collected during the concert for the organ fund. Free parking and trolley transportation to and from the church is provided from the Whale's Tooth ferry parking lot in downtown New Bedford.

Complimentary tea and cookies are served after the concert in the church hall. Patrons are encouraged to "Adopt an Organ Part" to help with the restoration of the pipe organ.

For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691. Directions and information about the Church and the organ fund are posted on the Internet at [www.MUSICATSAINTANTHONY.S.ORG](http://www.MUSICATSAINTANTHONY.S.ORG)

## Victory Park Planting

Help plant fruit trees at Victory Park for the community. Learn about the parks and garden, and enjoy a reading of the children's book, "The Giving Tree."

Meet at 10 a.m. at Victory Park, 224 Brock Ave. (near the softball fields), South End, New Bedford. For more information, call 508-748-0816.

## AHA! Night

May 9th AHA! Night: City View, Sponsored by: First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, Boston Medical Center Health Net Plan, & UMass

Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts [www.ahanewbedford.org](http://www.ahanewbedford.org)

Join us on AHA! Night when Art, History, and Architecture come alive in New Bedford. This month we invite you to take a City View. Harbor views, street views and as always there's plenty of art to view. There's a lot to do (And a lot to view) so come early and stay late!

For more information call 508-996-8253 x205. First time visitors may want to start AHA! Night at the National Park Visitor Center (33 William Street). Complete program flyers with maps are also available at all AHA! venues starting the Tuesday prior to each event.

## Photography Exhibit

The Bierstadt Art Society presents photographic works by member photographers, Bernadette Costa, Barbara Lawrence, and Marilyn Urquhart featuring photographs of South Coast as well as other locales and topics. An exhibit reception will be held at the **Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., New Bedford, on Thurs., May 9th from 6pm to 9pm.** Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit is open to guests, members and the community for viewing through May and select items will be available for purchase. Contact the Wamsutta Club for viewing times at 508-997-7431.

## Preservation Soc

The New Bedford Preservation Society will hold its **Annual Elm Award Ceremony on AHA! night, Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m.** at the Downtown New Bedford Library, Third Floor Meeting Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the program and reception which follows. The program will include historical accounts and "before and after" photos of the award properties in an illustrated PowerPoint presentation. The society presents the Elm Awards annually to recognize individuals or organizations that have done an outstanding job in either the restoration or preservation of their historic property.

As May is National Preservation Month, this ceremony is a fitting tribute to those who have accom-

plished much in preserving the heritage of the city for the future.

In addition to the Historic Marker Program, other Society projects include New Bedford Re-Leaf, the production of Historic District Walking tour brochures, Summer Afternoon Walking Tours, Historical Cemetery Tours, Semi-annual House Tours, and lectures throughout the year on historic preservation. To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit them on Facebook or at [www.nbpreservationsociety.org](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org).

## Scrimshaw Weekend

The New Bedford Whaling Museum holds its **24th annual Scrimshaw Weekend on May 17, 18, and 19**, and the public is invited to attend. This year's special events are a classic swap meet and Nautical Antiques Show on Friday afternoon, and an optional fieldtrip "behind the scenes" to Mystic Seaport on the Sunday. Between times, sessions held all day on Saturday will feature illustrated presentations on the origins and history of scrimshaw, the identification and connoisseurship of masterworks, tips on collecting, and research on prices and market trends, all provided by experts gathered from across the nation — followed by a cash bar reception, gala banquet, and evening program.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the scrimshaw capital of the world, and the annual Scrimshaw Weekend is the world's only forum devoted to the indigenous shipboard occupational art of whalers in the Age of Sail. Founded in 1989, the gala event attracts collectors, curators, folk art enthusiasts, amateur historians, antiques dealers, and others from coast to coast, who gather to share their enjoyment of this distinctive and beautiful art form.

Scrimshaw Weekend tuition is \$335; \$330 for Museum members. Tickets to Saturday's banquet only may be purchased for \$75 each. Call to reserve seats for the optional fieldtrip to Mystic on Sunday, May 19.

For more information or to register, please contact visitor services at (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: [frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org). For full schedule of events and updates, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Clean up Acushnet

A.C.T.I.O.N. (Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhoods) will be hosting the annual Clean up Acushnet Day. **Sat., 5/4, from 8-11 a.m.** Meet at the Council on Aging, 59 ½ So. Main Street, Acushnet.

Parents must accompany their children. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your own work gloves; we will provide the trash bags. For more information please contact the Conservation Commission 508-998-0202.

## Jim Holmes FR

The Jim Holmes Memorial scholarship committee is holding a dance on **Saturday, May 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mattapoisett.**

The doors open at 7 PM and the bands start around 7:45 PM until midnight. Featuring Thatcher Harrison a young man who is musically talented, along with his father Stan Harrison, The Oh No's, and Octopus' Garden. These bands play Beatles music and it will be a fun night for all.

All the proceeds will go towards scholarships. We are hoping to raise money for eight this year.

Contact Dot Holmes: holmesdot@comcast.net

## Free Bike Tour

Community members are invited to tour Nasketucket Bay's forests, fields and wetlands on a free nine-mile guided bike tour on **Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m., led by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.** Meet at Nasketucket Bay State Reservation (parking area on Brandt Island Road, Mattapoisett) **Registration is required.** Contact Alicia Pimental at pimental@savebuzzardsbay.org, 508-999-6363 x226.

Participants will travel on back roads and along the Phoenix Bike Path in Mattapoisett and Fairhaven. The tour will pass and stop at several scenic viewpoints to learn about the Nasketucket Bay Land Conservation Project, an effort to protect 400 acres of natural, undeveloped areas around Nasketucket Bay. Then the group will bike back to the parking area.

The bike tour is part of the Coalition's series of Bay Adventures: guided excursions that connect people with nature throughout the Buzzards Bay watershed. Partici-

pants should bring their own water and needed supplies. All participants must wear a bike helmet.

To learn more about the Nasketucket Bay Land Conservation Project, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/NasketucketBay](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/NasketucketBay).

## Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's monthly meeting will take place at **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, S. Dartmouth.** John Van de Graaff will speak about his trips to the famed Galapagos Islands, an area which has been almost entirely preserved for its unique wildlife.

John's photos from the Galapagos Islands have been shown in many galleries, and John has used them in several presentations to audiences interested in nature and natural history. The upcoming presentation brings together vivid images from three trips to the Galapagos, presenting the islands' extraordinary wildlife and landscapes. Included are sea lions, giant tortoises and other reptiles (sea turtles and both marine and land iguanas), and birds such as Darwin's finches, boobies, frigatebirds, albatrosses, penguins and flightless cormorants.

The archipelago's recent volcanic origins and fascinating geology are evident everywhere; habitats range widely, from beaches and scrub to lava fields and near-tropical areas.

The meeting is free, open to the public and fully accessible.

## Walk With An Artist

Take a walk with the artists who created the large-scale sculptures at the Slocum's River Reserve in Dartmouth on **Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 am to 12:00 am**, and learn about their inspirations and techniques. "Slocum's River Project 2012," which opened May 2012, officially ends on May 18, with a closing celebration. So, this is one of your last chances to see this amazing exhibit.

The River Project is organized by the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR), the University of Mass/Dartmouth, and the Gustin Gallery

and features works by six regionally based sculptors.

The walk will start at the parking lot for the Slocum's River Reserve, located on the east side of Horseneck Road about 1 mile south of Russell's Mills Village in Dartmouth. For directions or further information, call 508.991.2289 or go to [www.dnrt.org](http://www.dnrt.org)

## Free Lecture

**The History of Russia Under the Tsars.** Seth Mendell's final lecture of the series will be held **Saturday, May 4th at 2 pm in the Mattapoisett Library** meeting room. This is the talk that was rescheduled due to inclement weather in February.

The lecture will cover the reigns of Alexander II, the Reformer; Alexander III, the Reactionary; and Nicholas II, the last Romanov. Such personalities as Lenin, Rasputin and Trotsky will be discussed in the context of the 1917 Revolution. The lecture series has been sponsored by the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and the Mattapoisett Historical Society.

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is wheelchair accessible at the side entrance.

## SC Womens Forum

This popular annual program that focuses on women owned and led businesses will be held May 9th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Hawthorne Country Club.

This year's theme is "Innovate & Communicate" and will feature a networking luncheon, a table-top expo and women business leaders discussing the challenges, inspirations and opportunities with running their businesses.

Featured speakers are: Carol C. Bulman, CEO of Jack Conway Company, Inc.; Nicki Castonguay-Maher, Vice President, Charity by Design for Alex and Ani, LLC

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$37 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$45 for non-members. Tables of ten are also available. Registration is available at [newbedfordchamber.com](http://newbedfordchamber.com) or by calling 508-999-5231.

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Combine mayonnaise with cheese, mix until blended. Arrange chicken on baking sheet, top with mayonnaise mixture. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Bake for 20 mins at 425° or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve hot with desired side dish.

*By Nancy Coutinho*

### Apple Ginger Crumble

- 5 cooking apples, peeled & sliced
- 1/2 c brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 5 tablespoons butter

Lightly butter the crockpot and place apple slices on the base. Combine sugar, flour, rolled oats, ginger and nutmeg and cut in butter, using a pastry blender or knife. Sprinkle this mixture over the apples. Cover and cook on low 5 to 6 hours.

*From www.recipesource.com*

## Rocky's Ace earns retailer award

### Press Release

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business with 33 neighborhood based stores is proud to announce that the chain has been selected to receive The Retailer of the Year Award. The award recognizes a home improvement retail company for its operational success, as well as commitment to best practices and industry values of quality and service.

Rocky's Ace Hardware has been in continuous operation under the same family ownership since 1926, when the first store opened in Springfield, Mass.

"We are all very proud of this phenomenal achievement," said Rocco Falcone, President and CEO. "This award reflects a solid commitment to excellence from every individual in our organization, it is the culmination of their efforts that made this accomplishment possible."

"Home Channel News has for a long time admired Rocky's Ace Hardware," said Ken Clark, editor of Home Channel News. "It's a family business with a great history, an eye on the future and an ability to grow."

This is the first time the chain has won the prestigious award.

In November 2012, the company expanded its store count and entered a new market, with its opening of a 12,500 square foot store in Fairhaven, Mass.; bringing the total number of stores to 33.

"Our strengths include paint,

outdoor power, pet and lawn and garden," said Falcone. "Our extensive selection along with friendly, expert advice helps us stand out from the rest."

The company launched their "Re-Discover Rocky's" campaign in 2012 to successfully call out their improved product assortment in areas of paint, tools, lawn care, outdoor power equipment, pet, cleaning supplies, grills and outdoor living, in addition to traditional hardware departments.

The Second Annual Pet Food Drive, held late in 2012, also served to reinforce its commitment to the local community.

"The extraordinary efforts of our store members in rallying behind this worthy cause, along with the outstanding generosity of our customers, resulted in an unprecedented overall donation to local, community based shelters and humane societies," said Geoffrey Webb, Director of Marketing and Advertising. The program resulted in more than 6,500 pounds of food being donated for needy animals.

The Retailer of the Year Award will be presented during the 2013 National Hardware Show held in Las Vegas, May 7-9. The show is recognized as the prime Home Improvement event of its kind, featuring more than 600 exhibitors and attracting over 27,000 industry professionals.♦♦♦

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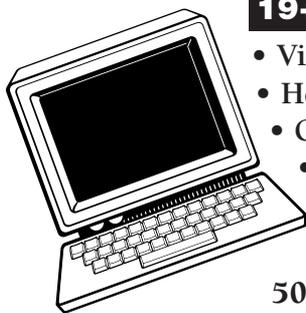
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## United Way recognizes 3 in Acushnet

*Press Release*

The United Way of Greater New Bedford presented several local organizations and individuals with awards at their recent Campaign Celebration dinner. Top honors were given to Acushnet Company, taking home three awards: the Rockefeller Award for raising more than \$50,000, the Navigator Society for their high percentage of leadership donors, and the Major Firms Challenge Platter which serves as a friendly competition each year among United Way's larger supporters.

The Town of Fairhaven won the LIVE UNITED Award for their support of the LIVE UNITED campaign. Town employees showed their support hosting food drives, a holiday toy drive and by running a payroll deduction campaign in the town departments. Community Nurse & Hospice and First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, both headquartered in Fairhaven, received Campaign Excellence Awards for their employee participation in the workplace United Way campaigns.

Several individuals were also honored with special awards. Leo Rousseau, resident of Acushnet received the Gold Award for his past dedication and service to United Way through Acushnet Company, his former employer. Leo is also a former Acushnet selectboard member.

Paul Amadon, of Acushnet was presented with the Spirit of Giving award to recognize his longtime support of the United Way, he

Former Acushnet Selectboard member Leo Rousseau won the Gold Award from the United Way for his dedication and service to United Way through his former employer, Acushnet Company.

*Submitted photo.*



currently works at GNB Voc-Tech. Jim Coutinho, a resident of Acushnet received the Seeding is Believing award from United Way's Community Building Mini-Grants Program in honor of his longstanding service. Jim has been involved with the Mini-Grants program since 2002: first as a grantee, through A.I.D.S. Inc., an all-volunteer group that is dedicated, compassionate and committed to helping local individuals and their families who are affected and effected by the HIV-AIDS and continues to serve the Mini-Grants Program as a Grantee Review Committee/Advisory Board member

"Our campaign theme was "Be a Community Hero, Support the United Way," said President Michelle N. Hantman. "The individuals and businesses that joined us for the Celebration are all heroes to us. They are the champions for those in need in our community. They all deserve an award in our book."

Board Chair Christopher Hodgson and Campaign Chair Michael Kramer asked attendees to continue to be community heroes and GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER throughout the year. A crowd of more than 250 gathered to reinforce their commitment to LIVE UNITED. The evening also featured remarks from Mayor Jon Mitchell and a performance by Taylor Kinzler, Miss Massachusetts.

"Each of us needs to be an advocate and to spread the word about the United Way," said Mike Kramer. "We need to encourage our neighbors, family and friends to join us as supporters of our United Way and for all it does in our community. We need to do this because the need is so great."

The United Way of Greater New Bedford was established in 1953 and has continuously responded to the needs of the community working with nonprofit agencies in the areas of Basic Human Needs, Children & Youth, Health and People with Disabilities. The United Way has five direct programs: the Hunger Commission, The Community Building Mini-Grants, Summer Fund, 211 and Volunteer Solutions. In addition, it is the fiscal partner for New Bedford Community Connections Coalition working to strengthen families and ensure the well-being and safety of children in Greater New Bedford.

## Town of Fairhaven recognized

*Press Release*

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that the Town of Fairhaven is the recipient of the United Way's "Live United" award for the campaign year of 2012-2013.

The Town of Fairhaven received the award as a result of its 2012 Holiday Food Pantry and Toy Drive, which was held in conjunction with the United Way and the New Bedford Firefighters' Union.

Selectmen's Secretary Anne Kakley accepted the award on behalf of the Town at the United Way awards ceremony on April 9, 2013.

"We are proud to support the work of the United Way in our Town and applaud the efforts that Anne Kakley has made to coordinate these efforts in our Town to assist the many people in our community that receive support through the United Way," said Select Board Chair Charlie Murphy.

But truly, the thanks belong to the community of people who so generously gave toys and food so that all our community members could enjoy their holiday season, and to the United Way for facilitating this work.

We look forward to working with the community again this holiday season to bring food and toys again to families in need.



PHOTO L-R: Michelle Neves Hantman, President of United Way of Greater New Bedford presents the Fairhaven Selectboard's secretary Anne Kakley with the "Live United" award on April 9. The town received the award for its holiday food an toy drive last year. *Submitted photo*

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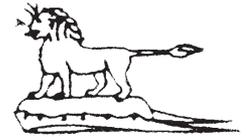
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# West Island 5K registers 703 runners, 88 walkers, 66 kids

By Beth David  
Editor

The second annual West Island 5K sent runners off on a brilliantly clear and cool spring day, Sunday, 4/28. Only one injury was reported, a scrape on a "little guy," who wasn't even in the race, that required one bandage, according to paramedics.

This year's race featured some enhanced amenities to make things easier for the influx of runners and spectators to the little island: Dave Hebert of Earl's Marina lent his large field on Sconticut Neck Road for parking, and shuttles by Tremblay Bus and the Fairhaven Council on Aging took runners to the race start on the island. Parking was also available at Hoppy's Landing for free for runners.

"Once again, I want to thank the alumni race committee, volunteers, local businesses, and our participants for making this another tremendous event," said organizer Lyle Drew. "We could not put on an event like this without their incredible support. We had 184 more registered participants than last year and raised almost \$12,000 for the FHS Cross Country program and Crispin Demers Memorial Scholarship Fund. Seeing this event grow each year is extremely humbling and exciting."

This year, the race raised \$11,700 for the cause. Last year the total was

\$12,800. Mr. Drew said increased costs for shuttles, more t-shirts and other runner amenities accounted for the drop in total profit. Seven seniors will receive \$500 in scholarships. Mr. Drew said it is the largest athletic-based scholarship offered to graduating FHS athletes.

The race has also started a fund to help the twin children of Crispin Demers, a cross country coach who died from cancer last year, go to college.

Other ways that organizers improved the event included More advertising to continue to build our brand name, attract more participants, and inform the community about the causes we support.

Certified the 5K course with USA Track & Field. This certification is good for 10 years.

Prize money for the top 3 overall male and female runners and male and female course records.

More race shirts for our participants. This allowed all 5K participants to have a great race keepsake and also provide our sponsors more recognition for their generous contributions.

Total registered participants numbered 857 with 703 5K runners, 88 walkers and 66 Mile Fun Run participants. Five-hundred-fifty-two runners finished the race, 67 walkers and 54 Kids Milers crossed the finished line for a total of 673



finishers.

Jeff Howley, 33, of Providence set a new course record at 16:09. Benjamin Ndaya, 37, of Lowell crossed the finish line in 16:33; and Rory Jenkins, 27, of Wareham took third overall in 16:41.

First woman to finish the race was Annie Preisig, 45, of Falmouth with a time of 18:49. She, too, set a course record. Leah Amaro, 27, of Taunton was the second woman over the line with 19:06; and Jessica Kutcher, 35, of No. Kingston, RI, was third woman with 19:41.

First Fairhaven finisher was young Billy Pires, 17, FHS Senior, with 19:31.

In the Kids Mile, the top three boys were Jack Roche, Sebastian Araujo and Joshua Hague. For the girls it was Clara Preisig, Natalia Moulding and Miya Barbosa.

In one little hitch after the race, young Seth Allaire did not get his due for his third-place finish in the under 12 category. Another runner, who was actually 13, had been placed in the wrong group. Mr. Drew said the online results should reflect the change soon.

For complete results, visit [www.JBRace.com](http://www.JBRace.com)



TOP RIGHT: Seth Allaire, who finished third in the under 12 category, approaches the finish line at the second annual West Island 5K. ABOVE LEFT: Dennis Howland pushes an obviously delighted Adam Howland towards the finish line. ABOVE MIDDLE: this little girl sports a big smile on her way to the finish line after completing the Kids Mile Fun Run. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Pimental family cheer each other on at the finish line. Photo by Beth David. See it 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.

# Town Meeting facing 54 articles

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven town meeting members will face 54 articles on the annual town meeting and special town meeting warrants on Saturday, 5/4. In addition to the town charges to fund departments, TM members will be asked to decide on spending articles totalling more than \$2.8 million and to consider several measures to reorganize town government and bylaws changes.

The school department, by far the largest department with about 40% of the \$50.1 million budget, is asking for \$20,126,310 for FY14, with both the Selectboard and Finance Committee agreeing to the number.

The Selectboard and FinCom have agreed on all the numbers for department budgets.

Controversial items are more likely to be found in other articles and the continuing spat between the Board of Public Works and FinCom for street repairs. FinCom has recommended money for North and Cooke streets, while the BPW asked for Dogwood, North and Cooke. Town meeting will make the final decision.

In Article 5, the selectboard is asking for \$20,000 for computer and telephone upgrades in town hall, and several other departments. The FinCom has recommended \$10,000. The four-year plan was a Department of Revenue (DOR) recommendation.

Article 31A, requesting \$200,000 for a conservation restriction on a parcel of land in Nasketucket Bay, has generated lots of buzz around town, with FinCom chair John Roderiques making it clear that he believes the town should not spend the money unless it is to buy the land outright.

Proponents of the plan say it will protect Nasketucket Bay, expand the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation and provide access to the water hiking trails in Nasketucket Woods.

The money would come from Community Preservation Act Funds.

Other Community Preservation Committee proposals include \$10,000

for enhancements to the bike path; \$32,000 for improvements to the tennis courts, basketball courts, and in-line hockey rink at Livesey Park; \$86,000 for gutter restoration at the high school; \$40,000 for roof replacement at Anthony Haven and \$16,000 for Fort Phoenix.

Probably the most controversial article that does not require an expenditure, will be the wind turbine bylaw (article 19). The two industrial wind turbines off Arsene Street have generated hundreds of complaints from more than 50 households. The new bylaw will limit new wind turbines in height and increase set-back distances from houses.

Opponents of the wind turbines

the FinCom from 13 members to 7 members which will be appointed by the town moderator, selectboard chair and FinCom chair.

The Selectboard has held two public meetings on the proposed changes. If town meeting approves article 4, creating a town administrator and eliminating the BPW and Personnel Board, the state legislature would have to approve the changes.

The other changes can be done on town meeting authority.

TM members will also be asked to appropriate \$30,000 from the general fund and \$105,000 from CPA funds to repair fire escapes at the high school. The school department originally asked for \$200,000 in general fund money, but lowered it to \$30,000 after deciding to repair, instead of replace the fire escapes.

The fire chief is asking for \$22,710, an amount recommended by FinCom, for a new share phone system for the fire and police departments.

The Emergency Management Agency is asking for \$4,000 for 100 new cots to be used in shelters during emergencies. FinCom did not make a recommendation on the article.

A group of citizens led by Phil Washko is asking for \$5,000 for a town government committee to study te operation of the town and all boards.

Several articles for the public works department will, mostly likely, ask for

money from the water and sewer funds, including: \$80,000 for water pollution control facility, \$445,000 for sewer collection system rehabilitation and \$200,000 for water hydrant replacement.

An article creating a bylaw to regulate solar facilities is also on the special TM warrant, but did no generate nearly as much interest as the wind turbine bylaw.

Town meeting will also be asked to authorize the selectboard to ask for a beer and wine license for Mac's Soda Bar and a restaurant/all alcohol license for Turan Irge at the former Uno's.

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have criticized the proposed bylaw as not being tough enough. Town meeting members will be able to make amendments to the bylaw before it is voted on.

Other non-money items involve implementing some of the recommendations in the DOR report, including reorganizing town government to move to a Town Administrator form of government.

Articles 4, 5, and 6 on the special town meeting warrant will establish the position of town administrator, eliminate the board of public works, eliminate the personnel board, combine the positions of town treasurer and collector, and change

# Finance Committee holds off on votes; chair slams contracts

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

It's nothing personal, Fairhaven Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado. That is what Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques told him, but as the only representative from the "Royal House" of the Board of Public Works present on 4/25 to present FinCom with the public works union contracts, Mr. Furtado would face the firing squad alone.

"When you represent royalty you have to take the rap," said Mr. Roderiques, later remarking that it ticked him off that no one else from the BPW attended the meeting.

The first complaint was that the union agreements were not filed by the deadline required in the bylaw. Mr. Roderiques buried his head in his hands and said he would not get into it, but he did anyway to some extent.

"Do we have enough time to look at those things and make a recommendation for Town Meeting?" said Mr. Roderiques. He threatened that for every bargaining unit that does not comply in the future, eventually they will hear the words "too bad."

But even more incendiary was Mr. Roderiques's decree that the BPW is inept at negotiating contracts, should not be engaging in negotiations, and neither should the Selectboard.

Mr. Roderiques stated that the fact that the BPW negotiated the union contracts meant nothing to him. He said the BPW gives just about the same amount of effort in negotiating that the Selectboard does.

"And I'm done with the kid gloves and all the rest of it," said Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Roderiques's advice to both boards: Get out of the business of negotiating contracts because "you don't know what you're doing." He said it was time for the Town to hire a "damn labor counsel" to do the negotiating.

Like Fairhaven's grumpy version of Robin Hood, intent on preserving the services and way of life for Fairhaven taxpayers, Mr. Roderiques fired his arrows at Mr. Furtado who stood his ground as Mr. Roderiques grilled him on an increase from time-and-a-half to double time pay for Water Department workers who work over 12 hours during a snowstorm; however,

the overtime work would not relate to snow removal, but would relate to, for example, if a water main broke in the middle of the snow removal process.

Mr. Furtado told him that it would be a rare situation, but, answering Mr. Roderiques's question, yes — it could happen.

Mr. Roderiques focused on the best interest of the Town, asking Mr. Furtado if this was indeed a benefit for Fairhaven.

Next came the addition of July 4th to the list of holidays workers would receive double time for.

"We're getting nickled and dimed to death," said Mr. Roderiques wringing his hands. "You guys are

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The word "no" is only two letters long, one syllable, and real easy to say. Sit in this chair for about 14 years and I'll show you how easy it is.

[John Roderiques]

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giving away the farm one piece at a time."

He then asked, "What happens when you run out of holidays that don't pay double time?"

Mr. Roderiques then engaged Mr. Furtado in a heated discussion that led to an angry outburst by the chairperson.

"What is the total cost of the stuff we're giving away?" he shouted at Mr. Furtado.

The bottom line, Mr. Furtado explained, was that there would be an \$867 savings to the Town year one of the contract, \$400 year two, and \$200 year three. He said this was the "quick math." Mr. Furtado continued to explain until Executive Secretary to the Selectboard Jeffrey Osuch joined in, causing Mr. Roderiques's face to redden.

But what would be the savings if there were no contract? That is what Mr. Roderiques wanted to know. Mr. Furtado told him that the union

workers agreed to give up one hour of overtime on weekends. Mr. Roderiques asked him to confirm that it would cost the Town \$3,700 more to get rid of one hour of overtime.

Mr. Furtado hung in there. "Those are the numbers, they reduced the overtime..."

"We're gonna die a death of a thousand cuts," said Mr. Roderiques. "We're gonna bleed to death," he later stated — by a bunch of paper cuts.

"The word 'no' is only two letters long, one syllable, and real easy to say," said Mr. Roderiques at the start of his diatribe. "Sit in this chair for about 14 years and I'll show you how easy it is."

He continued, "The problem is no one knows how to say that word," he said angrily.

The discussion then jumped to the Sewer Department contract with Mr. Roderiques asking the same question: What benefits is the town getting from the sewer contract?

"Why would I approve this?" Mr. Roderiques asked Mr. Furtado. He said at least with the water contract the Town would save some money but with sewer, the Town would be getting no savings.

The two men went back and forth about the details, with Mr. Furtado focusing on a policy of having workers going for their Grade 5 license to pay for it out of their own pockets.

"That's nothing. You got me nothing," said Mr. Roderiques. "Nothing." He called the negotiating pathetic and said that steady, incremental increases would cause the Town to die a slow death.

"It doesn't look big," said Mr. Roderiques about one percent and 1.5% pay increases, but one only has to look back 15 years to see just how those small increases add up.

"I'm almost tempted to say 'go, take it all,'" Mr. Roderiques said with a tone of hopelessness.

He said he has been busting his chops for the past three to four years to avoid lay-offs and keep the level of services steady.

"I don't care anymore because it's obvious that nobody else cares," said Mr. Roderiques.

He joked that he might give Mr. Osuch an early retirement present by

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zero, as the funds are no longer needed, and increasing the wages and salary budget for the Board of Public Works to \$890,960.

"The highway department negotiated a settlement with the Board of Public Works, but in review of the highway department's raises they realized they had made a \$2,126 dollar error," explained Mr. Osuch. In calculating the budget for wages and salaries, the department had apparently missed factoring in step increases for employees. The board agreed to accept the contracts and to adjust the wages accordingly.

They reluctantly approved increases in town employee insurance premiums, unhappy about a six-percent rate hike for insurance and individual dental premiums, and an eight-percent increase for family dental plans, taking effect July 1st. Although the board expressed an interest in exploring other options for insurance plans, Mr. Osuch cautioned them that proposed changes in insurance plans or carriers requires the input from the town's Insurance Advisory Committee.

Conservation Commission member Cora-Dorothy Peirce met with the selectboard to discuss what she said were inadequacies in the current version of the town's harassment policies.

"The complaint process of this policy is what I feel is lacking," said Ms. Peirce, who has had extensive

experience in drafting similar documents for various organizations. "I'm concerned with who's playing judge and jury. We need to

have a non-biased board that is knowledgeable on non-discrimination rights and issues."

She submitted copies of New Bedford's discrimination and harassment policies for the selectboard's perusal. The board accepted the documents and agreed to review them, along with copies of other towns' harassment policies, for ideas that might be useful for adoption in Fairhaven.

In other business, the selectboard:

- Designated Charles K. Murphy as the new Environmental Certifying Officer for CDBG block grants;
- Accepted a letter from Comcast noting an increase in fees effective July 1st;
- Responded to a letter from Joseph Chicco about inspection and licensing concerns against Help-U-Sell, noting that the building inspector had visited the site and found everything above board.
- Referred back to Kenneth Pottel his request to set up a revolving account for the Bikeway Committee. The issue needs to be brought up at Town Meeting and it was too late for the May 4th meeting.
- Convened in executive session to discuss negotiations with the clerical, fire, police, and dispatchers unions; discuss litigation with the Seaport Inn; and discuss a BPW member's request for legal services.

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approving all budgetary proposals next year.

"I might be inclined to go water, but not sewer," said Mr. Roderiques, "...because at least I'm getting something." He said the sewer contract was not a "sharp stick in the eye," but it was still a stick nonetheless.

Again, "What are we getting?" Mr. Roderiques asked regarding the Highway Department contract, "...because they're getting a whole bunch of stuff." Mr. Roderiques repeated this question to a silent Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Roderiques ran through the contract making comments along the way.

He then turned to the committee members and said. "You can reject, but the longer you wait the worse it usually ends up being."

"I don't think it's a bad contract," said Mr. Osuch, comparative to other towns.

"Personally, I think the contract is crap," Mr. Roderiques later stated.

Mr. Roderiques stated he was tired of elected officials who talk like they are union representatives, saying things like "Oh the poor guys."

"What about the poor taxpayer and rate payer?" said Mr. Roderiques. "That's who elected you!"

Mr. Roderiques said perhaps he might help Mr. Osuch move that proverbial brick wall a hundred yards closer.

"Is a hundred yards close enough?" he asked Mr. Osuch.

"Depends on how hard you want to hit it, John," Mr. Osuch replied.

The FinCom did not vote on the contracts, but will most likely do so this week before town meeting.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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

### Conservation Commission

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

### Cultural Council

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

### Planning Board

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

### School Building Comm

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

### School Committee

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

### Selectboard

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

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## HMS students donate to help bombing victims



Students at Hastings Middle School students dressed down and casual on Friday, 4/19, to donate to the One Fund Boston, a fund set up to help victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. Students had to wear red, white & blue, or Boston team attire and pay \$1 to participate. Mrs. Bendiksen's class (pictured) had the most students participating. The school collected \$350. *Photo submitted. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## Rogers School holds final talent show



The last year of classes for the Rogers School in Fairhaven also includes a series of last events. The Rogers School students will be combined with the Wood School students to attend the new Wood School on Sconticut Neck in the fall. On Friday, 4/26, the school held its second, and last, talent show for students. Twenty-four students participated, and regaled the audience in a full auditorium with songs, dancing, and musical performances. The energetic audience participated with clapping and singing along at every turn, ending with just the right amount of mild pandemonium. "Watching the way these kids support their classmates, that's how the world should be," said Emcee Simonne Barresi. "This is what we're teaching our kids." The evening also included a memory reel slide-show with many pictures of students and staff participating in fun events all year. The Rogers School was the first building that Standard Oil magnate and town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers gave to his home town in 1885. It is the town's oldest public school building still in use. For more information on the school and on HHR's gifts to the town, visit the office of tourism's website: <http://henryhrogers.blogspot.com/2009/03/rogers-school-1885.html> ABOVE LEFT: Diego Perry belts out "Un Monton de Estrellas," a Cuban love song. MIDDLE LEFT: Veda Reddy performs a Zumba dance number to "Crazy Love" by Mara. MIDDLE RIGHT: Ian Conte, part of a trio including Andrew and Nathan Tripanier, regales the crowd with an entertaining rendition of "Billionaire" by Cast of Glee. RIGHT: Kyla Conte demonstrates ballet dancing to "Love," Disney's Robinhood theme song. *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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# Spaghetti supper funds will go to West Island Summerfest



The West Island Improvement Association held a spaghetti supper on Saturday, 4/20, complete with elegant table settings, wait staff dressed in uniforms, and a warm fire roaring (okay, roaring on the large screen TV). Proceeds will benefit the first annual "summer fest" scheduled for July 6th. LEFT: John and Catherine Timmins just as they start to dig in on a pound of pasta, meatballs and sauce. The meal included dessert and water, with many people bringing their own wine. Raffles, auctions and a few words from Terry Pereira rounded out the evening. RIGHT, TOP & BOTTOM: Chloe and Oliver Brodo chow down on spaghetti and meatballs at the West Island Improvement Association spaghetti supper on 4/20. 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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## Letters from our readers

### Stamp Out Hunger Campaign coming up fast

Seeing that you've started reading my op-ed piece, can you do me a favor by going into your pantry to see if you have any non-perishable food items to spare? A canned good or two or more, that isn't outdated, would be nice. Now, could you set this food aside for me for a special day? That special day is May 11, 2013.

This year, May 11th falls on the second Saturday in May and for the past 21 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will again band together with other postal unions, management and other volunteers to fight against deprivation and hunger. This is the day whereby letter carriers and volunteers pick up donated food along postal routes that was left by mailboxes and on porches by concerned and caring postal customers.

According to NALC President Fredric Rolando, "In too many of the communities we serve six days a week, hunger remains a huge challenge. That's why each year on the second Saturday in May, thousands of letter carriers enlist the help of family members, friends, co-workers and managers to participate in the largest one-day food collection drive in America — our sincere effort to make a real difference."

Okay. I think you've got the picture. I also know that you might be thinking that your one, two or more cans of non-perishable food might not make a difference for hunger in America. Not true. Your contribution, with other millions of people throughout this great nation, can add to the 70 million pounds of food collected last year.

Some hunger statistics in America are that 50 million, or 1 in 6 Americans, live in food insecure households; 17 million, or 1 in 5, are children; 3 million are seniors over the age of 65; and 37 million, or 1 in 8, Americans are fed annually by Feeding America, an organization to help feed the needy.

The food that letter carriers collect helps during summer months especially when school is out and free breakfast/ lunches are not available.

According to Postmaster General Patrick B. Donahoe, "The U.S. Postal Service is again proud to join with the NALC to help 'Stamp Out Hunger' in America. The Postal Service's and the NALC's national food drive is one of the most successful in the nation."

So you see folks, you can make a difference.

I've been a letter carrier for the past 32 years and I, like other letter carriers, am very proud of our achievement on this important day. But remember this: This year's food drive, as in past years, cannot be close in being successful unless you've taken my advice and set aside those canned goods, from your pantry, and place them near your mailbox or on your porch by 8 o'clock on the morning of May 11th

Your effort and compassion will go a long way for those who are less fortunate. Together, we can make a difference. God bless.

*Gerry Payette, Fairhaven*

### Article 31 is a good deal

Article 31a of Fairhaven's annual town meeting contains an important land purchase for the residents of Fairhaven. For the mere price of one house lot we can protect hundreds of acres forever. This complicated land deal will finally complete one of the long term goals of the town's open space plan. Portions are the same lots that were threatened by over 312 units of 40B housing and a development by Cherry Plain Estates, LLC.

I hear a lot about limited access to some of the property, because there is only currently an easement. The only thing it would take for full access is to cut a check in the right amount, so please do not fall for that false argument. There is access to all these properties by any developer willing

to pay for it. The land is not wet marsh or low value, but is pristine and very desirable, but situated in a sensitive area.

I also hear financial arguments that this is a lot of money to pay and will remove potential future tax revenues from hundreds of housing units. Housing does not pay its own way as we all know.

The town is being asked to contribute \$200,000 out of \$6 million for 400 acres. It doesn't get much better than that!

When the Community Preservation Act was adopted by town meeting in 2005, it was sold on Town Meeting floor as a way to set aside monies for protecting open space. It was adopted exactly for articles such as this article.

Since adopting the CPA, we have allocated \$1.8 million for repairs to town hall, the library and high school. We have spent only \$700,000 in land preservation purchases. I don't think the 2005 Town Meeting ever intended this to be a get around Proposition 2 1/2 fund to repair town buildings. It was sold on future land preservation, purely and simply.

We have the chance to protect some of the best land in town for our children for the grand sum of one house lot. Please don't be swayed by false arguments of limited easements, limited access or price.

I can personally assure you that voices making that argument are proxies for those involved still trying to develop this very same property. As a member of the Planning Board I can see methods the property could easily be developed. Please don't subject East Fairhaven to hundreds of housing units, traffic signals and more traffic on Route 6. It's been over ten years in the making. Let's get this done once and for all.

*Wayne Hayward*

*Mr. Hayward is Chairperson of the Fairhaven Planning Board*

## Edward Markey will face newcomer Gabriel Gomez in June

Longtime US Rep. Edward Markey will face Republican Gabriel Gomez in a special election on June 25 to replace John Kerry in the US Senate. Rep. Markey has been in the House of Representatives for 36 years. Mr. Gomez had never run for statewide office before.

Rep. Markey faced Rep. Stephen

Lynch in the primary held on Tuesday, 4/30, and won with 58% of the vote statewide. Mr. Gomez, a private equity investor and former Navy SEAL, beat former U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and state Rep. Daniel Winslow, with 51% of the vote, 36% for Mr. Sullivan and 13% for Mr. Winslow.

Acushnet, with 752 of 7259 voters

casting ballots (about 10%), went with Lynch 287-283, with 5 blanks and 4 write-ins; and picked Gomez, 117 to 93 for Sullivan and 22 for Winslow.

In Fairhaven 1379 voters (about 13%) turned out with Markey winning 553 to 421 with 2 write-ins. On the Republican side Gomez got 208 votes, Sullivan got 161 and Winslow got 34.

# Salaries of town employees; cont'd to next page

With Town Meeting scheduled for this Saturday, 5/4, it is time for our annual publishing of town employee salaries as they appear in the Fairhaven Finance Committee's

report. The list on pages 26-30 has been taken directly from that report. The amounts listed are actual dollars paid to employees from Jan. 1, 2012 through 12/31/12. Last year, our

annual salary issue was published on 5/3/12, and is available on our website: [www.Neighb News.com](http://www.Neighb News.com) on the 2012 archives page.

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DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS								
<b>MODERATOR</b> Sylvia, Mark <b>Sub Total:</b>	\$1,000.00 <b>1,000.00</b>	<b>ELECT &amp; REGIST. CONT.</b> Alden, Thomas Horsley, Lillian Lopes, Eugenia Cunha, Mary Monk, Elizabeth Lewis, Vivian Perry, Nancy Richard, Lorraine Grace, Mary Greene, Pamela Melaniphy, Sandra Rocha, Diane Rego, Ilene Lizotte, Mary Markey, Norma Brazill, Donald Brazill, Eleanor Richard, Lee Gammans, Dorothy Markey, William Mello, Joan Graham, Vivian Berg, Martha Vierra, Tammy <b>Sub Total:</b>	\$502.04 479.48 479.48 468.09 468.09 445.93 445.87 439.24 439.24 439.24 439.24 439.24 439.24 376.97 375.63 375.63 345.31 345.31 323.09 323.09 321.93 321.93 240.15 211.25 117.31 116.15 <b>18,666.46</b>	<b>ENFORCEMENT AGENT</b> Griffin, Susan <b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>20,788.04</b> <b>20,788.04</b>	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.</b> Borelho, Michael Bouvier, Jr., Michael Kobza, Kevin Souza, Timothy Correa, David Cudmore, Glenn Gordon, Scott Bettencourt III, Jerald Sniezek, Frank Swan, Kevin Bourgnault, Pamela Cicccone, Richard Darmofol, Mark Borelho, Matthew Joseph, Scott Viveros, Kevin Gwozdz, Stephen Dorgan, Daniel Cannon, Laurie Chasse, Kevin Lacerda, Philip Bubuski, Janis Cordeiro, Mark Riggs, Edward Sullivan, Michael Bettencourt, James Burgess, Lindsey Quinral, Mary Adesso, Jaunna Moral, Julie LeConte, Hilida Joseph III, Macy Joseph, Peter Chace, Susan Best, Maureen Kisla, Alexander Mello, Jr., Wayne Quintin, Andrew Bettencourt, Christopher O'Donnell, Emma <b>Sub Total:</b>	\$119,217.29 110,643.48 104,922.41 100,951.41 96,529.95 95,647.77 94,048.01 93,112.09 93,018.67 92,649.48 92,518.62 90,389.96 86,923.43 85,108.90 81,903.07 80,929.18 79,289.43 74,559.43 74,133.73 73,075.99 69,226.18 65,178.66 64,767.86 63,992.43 62,491.59 56,420.98 51,283.91 49,280.87 43,582.44 42,745.72 30,146.68 29,600.74 20,901.92 15,109.06 12,570.96 12,201.15 12,201.15 12,201.15 12,201.15 7,971.42 1,758.28 <b>2,820,068.73</b>	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT - INJURY LEAVE</b> Bettencourt, James Sobral, David Bubuski, Janis Correa, David <b>Sub Total:</b>	8,236.46 7,784.64 2,016.58 1,324.14 <b>19,361.82</b>	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.</b> Lincoln, Robert Riggs, Brian Correa, Todd Burr, Chauncey Oliveira, Wayne Correa, Paul Therrien, Wally Benoit, Joshua Silveira, Douglas Almeida, Stephen Rocha, James Johnson, Erik Freitas, Edward Gordon, David Santana, Shawn Medeiros III, Antone Medeiros, Justin Cruz, Frank Austin, Kristine Charest, Nancy <b>Sub Total:</b>	\$78,780.29 76,240.33 73,950.58 71,481.39 70,502.38 69,292.18 68,874.69 68,756.47 68,286.27 65,030.31 64,852.27 64,728.56 61,628.13 60,772.13 59,733.09 59,043.63 57,776.24 56,582.23 42,618.12 38,347.83 <b>1,646,340.10</b>	<b>CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b> Foster, Stephen Oliveira, Nicholas Knowles, G. Gautreau, Nicholas Cox, Jonathan Daniel, Brian Gratias, Shawn Wilson, David Sivik, Christopher Thatcher, Thomas Correa, Tyler Souza, James Katz, Adam Rowe, Garth Se, Marie, Joseph Rocha, Kathleen Normandin, Gerald Brodeur, Jeffrey Winnett, Scott Wright, Steven Johnson, Thomas Davis, Jonathan Polson, Kevin <b>Sub Total:</b>	5,450.16 4,494.80 2,852.83 2,661.19 2,277.52 2,066.41 1,988.59 1,798.51 1,707.78 1,618.72 1,572.09 1,476.63 1,150.71 1,110.68 1,081.01 1,075.46 1,057.59 907.59 901.99 640.74 559.40 497.52 300.67 <b>39,243.59</b>	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT - INJURY LEAVE</b> Charest, Nancy Santana, Shawn Freitas, Edward Johnson, Erik Medeiros, Justin	17,757.10 909.52 563.03 306.20 303.12

**Salaries of town employees; cont'd from previous page, cont'd to next page**

DEPT./NAME	Y.T.D. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	Y.T.D. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	Y.T.D. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	Y.T.D. GROSS
<b>FIRE DEPT. - INJURY LEAVE CONT.</b>		<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION CONT.</b>		<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONT.</b>		<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONT.</b>	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$19,839.02</b>	Kemey, David	\$108,508.86	McGreedy III, Thomas	\$67,270.69	Anderson, Nancy	\$22,495.00
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT</b>		Kitchen, Paul	106,057.23	Rock, Cynthia	66,808.19	Perry, Krige	22,212.50
Fostin, Wayne	79,394.00	Laverdiere, Michelle	60,907.98	Ambr, Deborah	66,720.69	Pak, Katie	20,470.89
Montz, Lisa	34,676.57	Rosa, Steven	60,527.95	Lincoln, Teresa	66,708.19	Couture, Julie	19,398.43
Bobola, Andrew	14,398.20	Veronneau, Nicole	55,416.66	Campoli, Rita	66,593.95	Souza, Michelle	18,610.94
Lusser, Norman	10,756.48	Tavares, Jody	49,041.74	Ingeni, Amy	66,399.50	Abrantes, Lisa	18,289.25
Diagle, Henry	10,732.12	McLeod, John	44,237.14	Kennedy, Susan	65,550.55	Judd, Jennifer	18,175.04
Cottrell, John	10,305.36	Mitchell, Christine	44,115.24	Hunt, Meg	64,957.22	Lewis, Nancy	17,536.49
Gracia, George	8,832.98	Martins, Denise	38,941.59	Neady, Sara	64,897.91	Cox, Tara	17,386.52
Alphonse, William	1,133.09	Raposo, Joseph	37,367.25	Neely, Lisa	63,559.03	O'Neale, Dolores	16,736.94
Poltras, Jr., Roger	362.04	Barlow, Ruth	34,891.41	Bissonette, Paula	62,560.70	Sylvia, Lynne	15,947.60
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>170,590.84</b>	Longanger, Barbara	34,865.18	Vasconcelos, Lynn	61,154.80	Botelho, Sharlene	15,909.60
<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>		Langton, Mark	7,852.64	Dwyer, Kim	61,093.41	Lopes, Carolyn	15,863.99
Machado, Theodore	6,246.00	Trethewey, Christine	900.00	Barao, Katherine	60,475.39	Oliveira, Silvia	15,781.80
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>6,246.00</b>	Webster, Barbara	360.00	Cashman, Heather	60,191.39	Medeiros, Carol	15,668.99
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>		Collins, Joan	320.00	Beaubien, Jocelyne	59,912.51	Dillon, Louise	15,648.99
Jodoin, Marc	2,917.74	<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>850,087.04</b>	Camara, Kristen	57,326.12	Ferreira, Linda	15,356.49
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>		<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>		Chirigods, Daniela	56,260.87	Grace, Maureen	14,901.97
Mindlin, Catherine	38,635.76	Lucas, Geraldine	99,334.08	Darling, Amy	55,415.59	Washington, Cheryl	14,109.16
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>38,635.76</b>	Hartley-Matteson, Amy	88,949.59	Krasin, Amanda	55,008.77	Dufresne, Kerry-Anne	13,833.24
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>		Williams, Wendy	88,497.70	Tynn, Carol	54,596.27	Correa, Heather	13,166.14
Medeiros, Jr., Antone	6,208.35	Pereira, Joann	81,877.55	Arruda, Lynn	53,558.63	Lord, Jo Ann	13,065.27
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>6,208.35</b>	Hamric, Constance	79,956.97	Panell, Laura	53,358.77	LaFlame, Susan	8,405.25
<b>DUTCH ELM</b>		Nogueira, Patrice	75,572.39	Riley, Emily	52,108.14	Chandler, Lucy	7,905.66
Pimentel, Michael	14,913.64	Gent, Suzanne	74,346.52	Lewis, Jack	51,700.44	Momiz, Allison	6,775.25
Foster, Stephen	14,284.21	Silva, Cathy	73,938.55	Antonio, Kristen	51,146.16	Nicolosi, Deborah	6,196.58
Silva, Christine	1,175.28	Whitehead, Joanne	73,698.27	Satchell, Kayla	48,985.99	St. Onge, Stephanie	5,954.67
Robichaud, Scott	628.68	Deschamps, Laurie	71,992.52	Cunha, Steven	46,616.25	Perron, Janice	5,227.64
Pimental, Armand	349.52	Deegan, Marieta	71,467.52	Liarikos, Anne-Marie	46,572.10	Joseph, Kate	2,800.48
Paulson, Mart	181.16	Lasalle, Jacqueline	71,440.70	Barrow, Maureen	45,602.43	Allaire, Meagan	2,748.24
Silva, Glenn	103.32	McGinn, Mary	71,409.55	Carney, Linda	45,354.55	Kenyon Ramos, Kelly	2,748.24
Medeiros, Robert	81.18	Gubler, Kristin	71,267.46	Peixoto, Jessica	45,003.14	Lavoie, Caitlin	1,750.04
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>31,716.99</b>	Ponte, Ann	71,129.09	Valois, Denise	44,971.71	Oliveira, Anise	1,331.75
<b>SHELLFISH INSPECTOR</b>		Manchester, Patricia	70,749.84	Hannah, Allison	43,226.47	Veilieux, Joyce	1,050.00
Cox, Timothy	43,456.96	Paylic, Michelle	70,625.32	Gaudreau-Mahata, Margaret	42,019.93	Mitchell, Michael	778.96
Darnofal, David	33,960.46	Destrosiers, Paula	70,546.95	Jarvis, Diane	40,646.71	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	
Dube, Richard	6,129.49	Bethencourt, Heidi	70,366.55	Horsfall, Kim-Marie	40,471.71	Miller, Wayne	88,643.88
Gifford, Don	1,382.50	Marchand, Karen	70,328.27	Smith, Jr., Robert	38,303.36	Dorgan, Karen	83,958.76
Sylvia, Paul	1,177.00	Muncee, Brian	70,241.55	Rego, Kristin	37,729.19	Galvan, Derek	78,720.25
Normand, Edward	1,106.72	Silva, Amy	70,179.05	Palmer, Annette	37,499.02	Tracey, Joan	77,759.64
Wood, Bryan	88.32	Barboza, Carole	69,991.55	Castelo, Jennifer	37,083.33	Duarte, Melissa	75,337.62
Henriques, Martin	71.05	Veira, Linda	69,861.55	Lopes, Sarah	35,396.98	Rego, Dawn	75,270.92
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>87,372.50</b>	Lopes, Sheri	69,641.55	Gomez, Eladio	34,893.49	O'Wara, Hugh	74,761.06
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>		Thomas, Lisa	69,391.55	Charpentier, Donna	32,621.82	Gardner, Glenn	73,569.19
Baldwin, Robert	145,954.78	Mattos, Dawn	68,808.19	Pereira, Susan	31,525.27	Bradshaw, Renee	72,861.27
		Mello, Joyce	68,775.63	Taylor, Jennifer	30,874.04	Drouin, Pamela	72,316.82
		Perry, Diane	68,670.69	Rock, Janet	30,758.54	Hebert-Hunter, Laurie	70,434.05
		Bourgeault, Elaine	68,504.32	Besse, Susan	30,582.46	Schmitt, Deborah	70,016.55
		Rogers, Linda	68,104.09	Schmitt, Deborah	27,677.93	LeBlanc, Kimberly	70,006.69
		Frazier, Regina	67,679.09	Mitchell, Beh	26,887.80	Arsenault, Karen	70,005.65
		Tilton, Leslye	67,489.63	Leshyk, Janet	23,970.56	Chretien, Pamela	69,325.09
		Turner, Valerie	67,379.09	Bandarra, Jill	23,542.51	Gelinas, Peter	68,904.32
				Greenson, Moira	23,424.71	Nunes, Nelly	67,933.19

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<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL CONT.</b>											
Baldo, Christopher	\$66,520.69	Kohler, Tara	\$112,346.94								
Risborough, Bruce	66,399.50	Vincent, Desiree	87,684.38								
Kocera, Christine	66,395.69	Muello, Mary	87,548.49								
Lee, Timothy	65,550.63	Harding, Philip	84,807.11								
Beausoleil, Sonya	64,389.41	Francis, Scott	82,180.63								
Banfillsen, Tove	64,274.07	Joseph, Jr., Donald	81,137.35								
Marshall, Daniel	60,881.52	Young, Bryan	80,651.99								
Reedy, Kevin	60,203.03	Girouard, Eileen	80,282.46								
Reuther, Joanne	57,618.18	Welby, David	79,874.43								
Richard, Ann Margaret	56,163.27	Jardin, Paula	77,476.02								
Pegg, Annie	52,896.15	Medeiros, Douglas	77,470.39								
Brown, Bradford	52,797.29	Foster, Christopher	76,207.95								
Burroughs, Leigh	52,435.73	Charate, Jo-Anne	74,491.60								
Mitcheson, Nicholas	52,385.03	Sunderland, Julie	74,000.50								
Lopes, Andrea	52,071.27	Clement, Kathleen	73,621.95								
Plehan, Joyce	49,920.07	Fernandes, Lorraine	72,978.05								
Freeman-Aronofsky, Susan	49,813.82	Rhodes, Christine	72,769.52								
Oliver, Cheryl	49,724.07	Joseph, Marjorie	72,384.75								
Rom, Edith	48,363.92	Mahm, Debra	71,205.27								
Edwards, Kerrie	48,670.09	Cordeiro, Donna	71,021.95								
Boissonneau, Zachary	42,620.59	Quinn, Kerri	70,216.55								
Aren, Eileen	41,713.89	Moll, Jeffrey	70,096.95								
Barr, Gregory	38,157.48	Castanheira, Lisa	70,076.55								
Souza, Jr., Kenneth	38,111.31	Ramsden, Karen	69,391.55								
Garratt, Dan	37,606.98	Williams, Thomas	67,504.09								
Leire, Nathan	37,461.49	Malloux, Cari	66,551.88								
Clark, Lisa	35,835.85	Whinnem, Bethany	66,057.22								
Savoie, Stephen	34,318.82	Higgins, Tracy	65,954.51								
Richard, Jillian	33,182.48	Burlinson, Matthew	64,749.07								
Oshmen, Michelle	32,830.92	Beaulieu, Kevin	64,289.32								
Benoit, Eric	32,673.45	Davis, Gregory	64,157.28								
Frates, Kathleen	32,587.77	Hevey, Benjamin	62,060.66								
Fernandes, Kathleen	32,071.36	Richardson, Michael	61,747.39								
DeMello, Gail	30,391.32	Garth, Sarah	61,329.11								
Mackenzie, Elizabeth	29,870.84	Brejcha, Richard	60,944.15								
Rosa, Marissa	29,645.66	Costa, Tara	59,807.39								
Jordan, Natalie	28,668.66	Doyon, Stacy	59,408.07								
LaFontaine, Tina	27,846.79	Bergeron, Rebecca	59,047.22								
L'Etiole, Andrew	27,822.30	Pitstley, Mary	58,353.31								
Dunnivire, Ruth	27,114.11	Ribeiro, Manuel	54,635.87								
Pohlman Chorniak, Kristen	19,781.20	Vernachio, Jacqueline	53,497.52								
Edwards, Christopher	19,122.11	Rovada, Brenda	52,210.03								
LeFevre, Carol	19,077.73	Amaral-Pina, Sarah	51,504.48								
Alvares, Karen	17,722.21	Nunes, Sandra	48,224.89								
Ford, Kristen	17,488.07	LaCasse-Elliott, Ann	47,651.27								
Correa, Cheryl	17,092.55	Neville, Christine	45,525.03								
Shannon, David	16,655.41	Gesualdo, Robert	45,261.84								
Cadima, Lisa	16,399.39	Young, Stephanie	44,869.09								
Gauthier, Samantha	15,840.63	Lynch, Jamie	43,568.36								
Rivet, Andrew	3,533.20	Perry, Jeffrey	43,566.03								
Chapenter, Thomas	2,374.32	Carpenter, Jessica	43,526.77								
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>3,157,910.62</b>	Maritins, Diane	42,395.80								
		Adamczyk, Piotr	42,320.61								
		Newton, Ashley	41,855.00								
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>											
<b>HIGH SCHOOL CONT.</b>											
Rodriguez, Milliegos	\$40,341.91	Bulgar, Rudolph	39,983.80								
Medeiros, Ronald	39,581.80	Fournier, Kevin	39,191.45								
Horsley, Steven	38,857.97	Pilla, Nicholas	38,030.07								
Ellis, Jr., Ralph	38,021.30	Monette, Elizabeth	38,021.30								
Druskar, Lisa	33,671.00	Nordstrom, Misti	33,165.65								
Dickey, Taryn	32,685.21	Smith, Joan	32,685.21								
LeClerc, Suzanne	31,766.54	DeCosta, Linda	31,163.17								
Oswald, Kerrie	30,163.17	Corcoran, Pamela	30,163.17								
Gomes, Paul	30,064.90	Morency, Janice	30,064.90								
Frias, Debra	27,846.79	Frias, Debra	25,797.25								
Saumweber, Shannon	25,468.23	Mehale, Priscilla	25,468.23								
McHale, Priscilla	25,053.50	Medeiros, Lisa	25,053.50								
Kelley, Lenore	23,842.50	Paris, Shawnte	23,842.50								
Paris, Shawnte	21,976.92	Policheck, Jennifer	21,976.92								
Melrose, Melissa	21,685.00	Shreman, Joshua	21,685.00								
McHale, Priscilla	19,577.73	Isakas, Cary	19,577.73								
Medeiros, Lisa	18,890.23	Faunce, Cathin	18,890.23								
Kelley, Lenore	18,183.76	Antonio, Jason	18,183.76								
Paris, Shawnte	16,667.69	Gomes, Georges	16,667.69								
Policheck, Jennifer	15,051.44	Garnache, Matthew	15,051.44								
Shreman, Joshua	13,908.04	Ribeiro, Jessica	13,908.04								
Perry, Diane	12,050.00	Mello, Jaime	12,050.00								
Isakas, Cary	10,821.76	Carvalho, Lisa	10,821.76								
Faunce, Cathin	7,989.80	Rudeonour, Meagan	7,989.80								
Montz, John	4,977.00	Marshall, Alyssa	4,977.00								
Antonio, Jason	4,552.00	Comneau, Nicholas	4,552.00								
Gomes, Georges	4,378.00	Romano, Andrew	4,378.00								
Garnache, Matthew	3,322.80	<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>4,343,478.29</b>								
Ribeiro, Jessica	3,231.11										
Mello, Jaime	2,305.98										
Carvalho, Lisa	2,164.00										
Rudeonour, Meagan	2,036.00										
Marshall, Alyssa	1,832.40										
Comneau, Nicholas	977.00										
Romano, Andrew	670.00										
<b>CROSSING GUARDS</b>											
Ponsart, Joseph	8,407.40										
Mandeville, Linda	4,203.70										
Luminello, Wanda	4,180.32										
Dompierre, Kerry	4,133.56										
Parent, Nancy	23.38										
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>20,948.36</b>										
<b>SPN IDEA ENTITLEMENT</b>											
Fiske, Angela	74,329.05										
Foster, Brendan	72,614.50										
<b>SPN IDEA ENTITLEMENT CONT.</b>											
Lavoie, Judith	\$43,390.39										
Marritins, Sarah	33,411.70										
Choquette, Elizabeth	27,727.56										
Figueredo, Feliciana	25,280.88										
Hoolley, Heather	24,661.29										
Johnson, Kristin	22,793.84										
Peckham-Costa, Linda	22,792.50										
Sol, Theresa	20,560.46										
Landis, Monica	19,645.94										
Landis, Monica	17,162.89										
Thomas, Jodi	14,571.50										
Martin, Stacy	11,260.12										
Loo, Susan	9,466.50										
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>439,669.12</b>										
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>											
Lombarati, Keeley	27,333.00										
Brierty, Joel	26,066.54										
Ribeiro, Melissa	13,842.50										
Rose, Betty	13,560.86										
Dalomba, John	12,150.00										
Sylvia, Janice	11,229.24										
Taylor, Melissa	10,715.22										
Landreville, Kerie	10,070.00										
Andrade, Katelyn	8,805.00										
Vasconcelos, Garry	8,416.08										
LaCasse, Gail	8,410.00										
Winniet, Heidi	8,023.75										
Leve, McGee, Jill	7,790.22										
Ventura, Sara	7,790.22										
Gardella, Anne	7,540.00										
Costa, Jacqueline	6,552.85										
McGreedy, Shawn	5,830.00										
Joseph, Susan	5,680.00										
Pease, Jane	5,540.00										
Silva, Carline	5,335.00										
Henriques, Jennifer	4,750.00										
Parker, Lindsey	4,630.00										
Rice, Lily	4,378.83										
Cabral, Amanda	4,185.00										
SyVIA, Danielle	3,660.00										
Rock, Kayleigh	3,415.00										
Gifford, Jenna	3,185.00										
Cipressi, George	2,810.00										
DaSilva, Renee	2,770.00										
McMullen, Tessa	2,570.00										
Deus, Jacob	2,550.00										
Plummer, Martha	2,525.00										
Correa, Aliza	2,385.00										
Soares, Lisa	2,215.00										
Fonseca, Wanderley	2,175.00										
Fournier, Beth	2,175.00										
Harrison, Lynn	2,135.00										
Robinson, Michael	2,025.00										

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<b>SUBSTITUTES CONT.</b>			
Shivers, Matthew	\$1,930.00	Richard, Kevin	\$298.80
Norton, Patricia	1,920.00	Anderson, Rebecca	295.00
Curtal, Jennie	1,815.00	Corcoran, Jillian	295.00
Guilbert, David	1,709.52	Plummer, Kristen	295.00
Rose, Richard	1,665.00	Lawrence, Stephanie	285.00
Curry, Sharon	1,630.00	Look, Courtney	285.00
Ross, John	1,630.00	Farias, Jennifer	260.00
Booth, Matthew	1,536.85	Garcia, John	260.00
Bessette, Kathleen	1,370.00	Hunt, Jeremy,	260.00
Downey, Steven	1,235.00	Jeffrey, Robert	260.00
Zygiel, Sheryl	1,170.00	Potel, Andrew	260.00
Kennedy, Myles	1,135.00	Angelini, Sandra	230.00
Cunha, Alfred	1,106.16	Lewis, Sarah	230.00
Bacchiocchi, Blaine	1,105.00	Sweeney, Bryan	230.00
Canastra, Justine	1,105.00	Duarte, Kelsey	240.00
Tracey, Michael	1,095.60	Franklin, Caitlin	230.00
Perron, Kerry	1,085.00	Blanchard, Tyler	224.00
Sylvia, Joseph	977.95	Araujo, Aaron	195.00
Nelson, Gary	910.00	Chausse, Gregory	195.00
Supless, Oliver	895.00	Mignault, Kendra	195.00
Sheridan, John	855.00	Murphy, Michael	195.00
Simmons, Jamie	830.00	Traban, Kimberly	195.00
Potel, Christina	815.00	Jacobsen, Amanda	185.00
Grasela, Corron	805.00	Riding, Julie	185.00
Barrows, Brenda	780.00	Mullen, Karen	175.00
Sherman, Ted	780.00	DaCunha, Andrew	165.00
Rose, Manette	765.00	Farias, Maria	165.00
Dasneves, Marie	740.00	Williams, Aziza	150.00
Shanburn, Patricia	710.00	Day, Cheryl	150.00
Basset, Charlene	705.73	LeVasseur, William	150.00
Desroches, Jessica	650.00	Stewart, Michelle	150.00
Sarkis, Manal	615.00	Arone, Elizabeth	130.00
Hahn, Diane	605.00	Desrochers, Anne	130.00
Monietro, Jason	603.36	Pawelczyk, Amy	120.00
Brown, Rachel	600.00	Brown, Meyer	120.00
Santos, Christienne	545.00	Heroux, Stacie	120.00
Kuthan, Francis	505.00	Xifaras, Jolie	120.00
Baker, Meaghan	500.00	Costa, Bernadette	117.31
Roy, Diane	480.00	Jackson, Jessica	110.00
Meillo, Evan	470.00	LaBrodie, Molly	110.00
Kim, Kelly	445.00	Montanez, Michelle	110.00
Tiffany, Halima	435.00	Ramundo, Jeffrey	110.00
Olson, Allison	405.00	Machado, Gary	99.60
Baker, Natasha	398.40	Belanger, Jacob	75.00
Mackiewicz, Theresa	395.00	Dorsey, Ely	75.00
Shue, Matthew	385.00	Haaland, John	75.00
Vertente, Ashley	380.00	Ratton, Stephanie	65.00
Santos, Kevin	375.00	Canastra, Janelle	65.00
Breese, Keith	360.00	Chico, Rachael	65.00
Guilbert, Gisselle	340.00	Getchell, Jane	65.00
Vieira, Victoria	340.00	Gisburne, Teresa	65.00
Suprenant, Laura	325.00	Isherwood, Leah	65.00
Charette, Kaleigh	300.00	Negalha, Paula	65.00
		Roderick, Amber	65.00

<b>SUBSTITUTES CONT.</b>			
Shields, Cassidy	\$65.00		
Slutsky, Morris	65.00		
Tetreault, Janessa	65.00		
Trimm, Benjamin	65.00		
Vasques, Kenneth	65.00		
Correia, Doreen	55.00		
Cunha, Carol	55.00		
Morrison, Sarah	55.00		
Richard, Tanya	55.00		
Vieira, Kristen	55.00		
Zolnierz, Diane	55.00		
Souares, Devin	32.00		
DoCouto, Alyssa	25.00		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>320,839.89</b>		
<b>LUNCH MONITORS</b>			
Cripps, Terence	2,989.98		
Dossantos, Elaine	2,737.40		
Mueda, Anne	1,654.16		
Rinko, Dale	1,330.52		
Moniz, Sharon	65.00		
Perry, Nancy	31.47		
DeMello, Christine	15.73		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>8,824.26</b>		
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
Charbonneau, John	80,421.60		
Martin, Jr., Albert	58,296.34		
Silva, Jorge	53,820.10		
Rusinowski, Mitchell	52,645.78		
Gagliardi, John	46,918.77		
Souza, Manuel	45,790.00		
Desroches, Joseph	43,090.94		
Hurley, Charles	41,633.00		
Stack, Justyn	40,947.25		
Cardoza, Philip	39,970.40		
Nogueira, Kim	39,925.37		
Martin, Jr., James	39,718.14		
Silva, Kenneth	39,110.90		
Snell, Daryl	37,617.36		
Snell, Daniel	33,498.62		
Cordeira, Michael	33,160.97		
Ramos, Jaryd	16,812.02		
Angelini, Vincenzo	11,492.41		
Montz, Anthony	10,412.51		
Francis, Shawn	10,124.80		
Houle, John	7,500.80		
DeCosta, Michael	3,094.08		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>786,002.16</b>		
<b>D.P.W. ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Furtado, Vincent	\$91,784.55		
Tripp, Kathy	61,508.20		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>153,292.75</b>		
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>			
Schick, Linda	82,921.60		
Robillard, Rene	68,197.46		
Furtado, Jeffrey	56,074.85		
Pinard, Douglas	55,599.41		
Barlow, Lee	54,949.95		
Paczosa, Raymond	53,487.61		
Frates, Joseph	51,607.28		
Gomes, Robert	51,486.41		
Winderlick, Kyle	49,152.92		
Hallaway, Dana	46,573.05		
Bonneau, Joseph	46,341.86		
Oliveira, Victor	45,567.69		
Manzone, Matthew	44,549.65		
Paulson, Charlene	37,429.86		
Costa, Russell	35,220.24		
Lutz, Manuel	31,658.40		
Machado, Joseph	21,202.80		
Duarte, Devyn	2,784.00		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>834,801.04</b>		
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>			
Fortin, Edward	83,127.30		
Fleurent, Karl	67,296.53		
Gadomski, Stanley	56,246.40		
Farell, William	53,835.36		
Costa, Jeffrey	47,819.37		
Souza, Joshua	39,492.53		
Bowers, Jonathan	36,667.49		
Wilson, Joyce	30,480.29		
Viveros, Robert	22,587.71		
Vento, Rebecca	21,621.33		
Scieszka, Jon	15,629.26		
Horsley, Erik	6,634.34		
Wintersson, Nathan	5,655.94		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>487,093.85</b>		
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			
Fowle, Patricia	69,870.23		
Lopes, Jeannine	1,333.34		
DeTerra, Peter	1,333.32		
Acksen, Barbara	999.99		
Doert, Joseph	800.00		
Caton, Dolores	333.33		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>74,670.21</b>		
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			
Silva, Anne	49,750.40		
Cookinham, Joyce	36,513.05		
Vandenburgh, Cynthia	33,982.84		

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<b>COUNCIL ON AGING CONT.</b>				
Houghton, Rosemarie	\$30,067.75	Roderiques, Adam	\$4,179.72	
Roderiques, Susan	28,759.25	Hollins, Heather	3,651.37	
Dawson, Lucille	22,681.21	Skipwith, Chelsea	3,371.46	
Simmons, Paul	12,324.77	Grenier, Michelle	3,251.09	
Peguita, Phyllis	11,906.73	Hopp, Timothy	2,837.02	
Barcellos, Jr., Frank	9,875.74	Farell, Kathryn	2,470.31	
Snell, Cecile	7,327.14	Szczeka, Katherine	1,544.82	
Alfonse, Christine	6,536.18	<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>82,386.74</b>	
Holmes, David	6,437.80	<b>POLICE - OFF DUTY</b>		
Zeganowicz, Karen	2,911.65	Foster, Jr., Stephen	88,001.07	
Hammond, Ronald	2,085.66	Soares, Alexander	22,927.00	
Crowley, Sr., David	2,022.98	Manzoze, Ronald	17,404.12	
May, Denise	1,684.70	Costa, James	13,700.00	
Bojger, Debra	1,211.10	Savary, Larry	13,275.50	
Surprenant, Gerard	914.16	Chase, Russell	8,740.00	
Carter, Cornelio	685.01	Adams, Phillip	7,097.00	
Long, Theodore	116.00	Jenkinson, Louann	6,151.75	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>267,794.12</b>	Roussel, Michael	6,074.50	
<b>VETERANS SERVICES</b>				
Cochran, James	25,933.63	Sadeck, Marshall	5,790.00	
Winkler, Joyce	18,860.37	Wunschel, Donna	5,115.50	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>44,794.00</b>	Mendoza, Adam	5,044.88	
<b>RECREATION CENTER</b>				
Ranselhausen, Warren	51,355.60	Almeida, Jr., John	4,357.63	
Martin, Rachel	37,014.09	O'DeAmara, Danny	4,035.25	
Cziska, Matthew	11,466.50	Litchfield, Russell	3,978.00	
Perry, Heather	11,428.57	Romo, Marshall	3,610.50	
Olivera, Alyson	11,091.54	Lopez, Jean	2,284.00	
Lawrence, Robert	9,200.16	Rodrigues, Richard	1,980.00	
Martin, Zackary	7,422.73	Deschenes, Reginald	1,656.75	
Sykes, Joyce	7,089.50	Joseph, Donald	1,440.00	
Hemingway, Thomas	6,579.87	Reimer, Stephen	1,112.00	
Flynn, Sean	6,387.58	Jones, Nathanael	1,000.00	
Caron, Danielle	4,450.95	Rebello, Robert	860.00	
Lopes, Lauren	4,330.80	Souza, Brian	800.00	
Duarte, Ashleigh	4,195.14	Kelley, Michael	760.00	
Murphy, Brady	4,135.80	Osekowski, Brett	624.00	
Batardi, Julie	3,602.50	McCarthy, Bryan	500.00	
Gibeau, Nancy	2,275.00	Lawlor, Ryan	480.00	
Almy, Meagan	1,738.86	Robinson, Gene	399.75	
McCammon, Alexander	1,682.88	Davis, Scott	320.00	
Mendes, Jordan	890.90	Mendes, Douglas	320.00	
Nadeau, Nathan	833.00	Andrews, Paul	312.00	
Motta, Taylor	696.57	Lozano, Nicholas	312.00	
Power, Ian	297.00	Boivin, Robert	156.00	
Tichon, Dylan	202.50	Ouinette, Michael	48.54	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>188,368.04</b>	<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>237,842.99</b>	
<b>PARKS DEPARTMENT</b>				
Pinard, Richard	47,160.63	<b>NON CONTRIBUTORY</b>		
Morris, Christopher	8,501.44	Olivera, Margaret	10,675.98	
Sobral, Matthew	5,418.88	<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>10,675.98</b>	
<b>DEPT/NAME</b>				
<b>YTD. GROSS</b>				
<b>GOVERNMENT ACCESS</b>				
Blasingame, Meaghan	7,741.36	<b>INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE</b>		
Blasingame, Donna	4,299.32	<b>TREASURERS OFFICE.</b>		
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>12,040.68</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE'S GROSS EARNINGS FOR</b>		
<b>TOTAL WAGES</b>				
	<b>\$23,915,461.85</b>	<b>THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012.</b>		
<b>840 Records</b>				
<b>POLICE EARNINGS REFLECTS:</b>				
<b>REGULAR, OVERTIME, AND OFF DUTY</b>				
<b>EARNINGS PAID BY THIRD PARTY</b>				
<b>VENDORS.</b>				

**SALARIES: cont'd on page 30**

In addition to the salary, elected officials that receive stipends are also entitled to buy into the town's health insurance system.

Elected positions that receive a stipend include Selectboard, Board of Health, Assessors and Tree Warden.

Town treasurer Wendy Graves said that three elected officials are taking

advantage of that perk, but did not give the names, saying she did not have enough time to get the names by press time.

## Wethington asks Selectboard to petition court for new election

By Beth David  
Editor

Ann Ponichtera DeNardis, representing John Wethington, who lost his bid for a seat on the Fairhaven Board of Health by one vote after a recount, has sent a letter to the Fairhaven Selectboard asking them to petition the Superior Court to order a new election.

Incumbent Peter DeTerra retained his seat after the recount.

The letter outlines problems with the election process, including that the number of voters checked in does not match the number checked out, and that the total number of ballots counted by the machines does not match the number of ballots counted in the recount.

The letter also outlines several regulations that Ms. DeNardis claims were not followed by Town Clerk Eileen Lowney, including that no records of the number of ballots delivered to each precinct were kept.

The letter also cites regulations

governing the counting of ballots, that should be done at the precincts, and notes that Ms. Lowney "privately completed counting ballots after declaring Wethington the winner."

"Essentially, all of the procedures to insure a fair and just election were not followed by the Town Clerk," reads the letter.

Ms. DeNardis contends in the letter that the Board of Registrars should not have certified the recount because of the discrepancies. She contends that town counsel Thomas Crotty "threatened that the Board of Registrars 'would get in trouble if they failed to certify the winner.' No legal citation was referenced as to how the Board of Registrars would get 'in trouble' by failing to certify the recount that they had no confidence in," wrote Ms. DeNardis.

She said the board should not have certified the election because of the discrepancies and lack of security in handling the ballots.

"Should the Fairhaven Selectboard

allow the results of this election to stand, despite the gross irregularities detailed herein, is to effectively sanction this defective process, and its defective results."

She said the result is, in effect, a denial of voting rights and that without a new election, residents "can have no faith in the integrity of the election process."

The selectboard discussed the letter in executive session with town counsel. It will be discussed in open session at an upcoming meeting, so that Mr. DeTerra and Ms. Lowney have time to respond.

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said the board will not make a decision without hearing from all sides. If the board fails to act, Mr. Wethington may petition the court himself. According to Mr. Murphy the petition would be filed within 30 days.

Secretary of State William Galvin's office is investigating the April 1 election because of the way ballots were handled.



# The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, YOUR LAND TRUST, supports this project We are asking for your help.

*Please contact your Town Meeting representative  
and encourage him or her to support this critical  
conservation project — Community  
Preservation Program  
Appropriations Article 31A*

## **What:**

**The Nasketucket Bay Land Conservation Project** will protect nearly 400 acres of land in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. These 400 acres will connect and expand upon the more than 1,000 acres already protected around Nasketucket Bay. More information and short video at: [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/NasketucketBay](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/NasketucketBay)

The conservation project will provide a variety of benefits for Fairhaven residents.

## **Why:**

- Protecting this land will **safeguard Nasketucket Bay's water quality** and preserve wildlife habitat for fish, shellfish, and birds.

Few coastal bays in Massachusetts have such rich natural resources as Nasketucket Bay: extensive eelgrass meadows, abundant shellfish beds, and large fish and wildlife populations. These conditions are due in part to tremendous efforts to conserve land around Nasketucket Bay.

- In addition to the environmental benefits, the project will enhance outdoor recreation by **expanding Nasketucket Bay State Reservation** and **connecting it to the Phoenix Bike Path**, providing new coastal access for bikers and hikers to enjoy. It will also link the Mariner Soccer Complex with trails to Nasketucket Woods, Austin Pond, and East Fairhaven School.
- Through this project, we will **save acres of working farmland** and the spectacular coastal views that make Fairhaven beautiful.

Nasketucket Bay can still be saved it before it goes the way of other coastal waterways: polluted, overdeveloped and devoid of its unique charm. It's critical to conserve this vulnerable land to preserve the scenic beauty and rural character of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, as well as to protect the health of Buzzards Bay.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has been working hard with the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, your local land trusts, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and other state and federal conservation partners to complete this project.

## **When:**

**There will be a vote at the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 4 to decide if the town will contribute funding needed to complete the project.**

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