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Seniors graduate under sunny skies



L-R: Ashley Brown and Kay Mullen perform their signature chest-bump after graduation ceremonies at Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 6/2. The two played basketball and volleyball together, and often celebrated a win with the chest-bump. See story on page 16. *Photo by Beth.* See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.



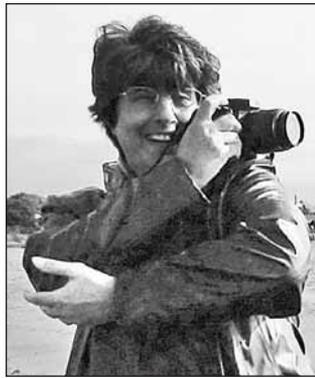
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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

What a week in our little burg. A judge threw out the contested ballot that gave Peter DeTerra the one-vote margin of victory in the Board of Health race (see page 3). The election is not over...

It has still not been decided yet, though, if there will be a new election. DeTerra will appeal and if that ballot gets reinstated on appeal, then we're back where we started. Meanwhile, the same judge is hearing arguments on why there should or should not be a whole new election. No, the tie doesn't mean there'll be a new election. It only means there was no one elected. It could be a coin toss. Maybe a checkers game. Who knows? Have to find something in the bylaws. I doubt, however, that anything short of a new election will make everyone happy.

We had a great day for graduation this Sunday (see page 16). The ceremony was held outside, which was good. That squeezatorium is beyond claustrophobic. We need a Henry Huttleston Rogers to give us a couple of million bucks to push that wall out and make a proper auditorium.

We have all kinds of fun stuff in this issue. The Conservation Commission is in a bit of an upheaval. Old issues, new issues, and the world's worst neighbor on Bella Vista island are taking their toll on members. The issue would surely be helped with an influx of new blood, however, after reading Jean's article on page 18, we're not sure anyone wants to be on that board.

C'mon, people, I KNOW someone out there can do this.

Speaking of which...the Selectboard appointed and re-appointed a bunch of people on Monday as part of their annual ritual. Lots of boards have vacancies, so if you want to get involved, but you're not sure what you want to do, shoot an email over to Anne Kakley in the Selectboard office (selectmen@fairhaven-ma.gov) and find out where the vacancies are. Fairhaven has lots of boards that cover lots of areas. You're bound to find something you're interested in.

AND...if you've been holding back because you think they'd never appoint you because of some...er, history you may have with someone, give it a shot anyway. You might be pleasantly surprised. New faces on the board, new opportunities for you.

School's not out yet, so summer isn't officially in full swing yet, but we've had enough warm days for the waterfront to be buzzing. Motorcycles are out in force, too, so keep an extra eye out for those of us on two wheels...including bicycles.

Oh, wait...I had a whole big great thing for the graduates to get in here this week, but, alas, I waited too long and now I need to go to print. So, I'll keep it simple. I've said it before and I'll say it again: just don't hate your job. I think much of the misery in the world today is caused by people who are miserable because they hate their jobs. You don't have to love every second of it, but you really should have fun. You will spend a lot of time at work so you need to be happy. Find your passion, indulge your passion, and most of all, do your job well. No matter how trivial you may think your job is, it is worth doing right. It is worth doing well. And you are the one being counted on to do it right and well. Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Judge throws out ballots, BOH election is a tie

By Beth David
Editor

Superior Court Judge Robert Kane tossed out the contested ballot in the Fairhaven Board of Health race, making it a tie. Incumbent Peter DeTerra was declared the winner by one vote after a recount of the close 4/1 election that had been marred by mistakes, missteps, and improper handling of ballots. Challenger John Wethington contested two ballots at the recount, one that went for Mr. DeTerra (see photo below) and one that was declared a blank.

Judge Kane ruled that neither one should count, saying it was not clear to him that the mark, which was outside the circle, was meant for DeTerra. It could have been the intent of the voter to cross out his or her previous mark.

Mr. DeTerra said he will appeal the ruling.

Meanwhile, an evidentiary hearing was scheduled to continue on Monday, 6/10, to decide other issues

with the election.

In the DeTerra camp, the tie election does not necessarily mean the town should have a new election. The judge would not order one based on a tie; he could, however, order one based on the other irregularities found with the election.

In the Wethington camp, either scenario necessitates a new election.

Information on what the bylaws say in case of a tie was not available by press time, but lawyers for both candidates agree it would be up to the town to decide.

"We are seeking a new election," said Mr. Wethington's attorney Ann Ponichtera DeNardis. "Any other mechanism would disenfranchise the voters."

Mr. DeTerra's attorney, John Markey, said his hope is that the appeals court will side with the local registrars' decision and count the ballot for DeTerra. They have not yet filed the appeal.

"It's truly unfortunate that the laws were not followed," said Ms. DeNardis. "We have a set of

checks and balances to protect against these problems that have arisen."

Some of those problems are that the some ballots were not counted at the precincts, ballots were not secured after they were counted, and town clerk Eileen Lowney hand counted votes that were in envelopes. Other problems, such as the check-ins and check-outs not matching, and mislabeled envelopes are also reasons Ms. DeNardis says the process was "tainted" and a new election should be held.

Mr. Markey, however, said the problems with the handling of the ballots and the mismatches in the voter sheets are minor issues that happen in many towns. He said most places use volunteers, not professionals.

"So where do you draw the line," said Mr. Markey. "It'll just open up a can of worms for the whole state."

"We're talking about a constitutional right to vote. People died for the right to vote in this country," said Ms. DeNardis. "We are seeking to have everyone's vote count. We don't have a big turnout. It means a lot each and every one."•••



This contested ballot was counted for Peter DeTerra in the Fairhaven Board of Health race on 4/4/13, giving him the victory by one vote. A judge last week rule that it was not clear that the voter intended to vote for Mr. DeTerra, that the mark next to the circle had markings that could mean the person had crossed out the original checkmark. The elimination of the ballot makes the race a tie. Mr. DeTerra said he will appeal the decision. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*

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Selectboard hears from acoustic engineer; talks storm prep

By Beth David

Editor

Acoustic Engineer-turned-anti-wind activist Stephen Ambrose appeared before the Fairhaven Selectboard on Monday, 6/3, to tell the board that people are bothered by wind turbine noise at levels far below the 10 decibels (dB) above ambient sound that the state has set as a limit.

Mr. Ambrose used sound studies and actual complaints by people living near Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) in several communities, as well as standards set over the years from a variety of authorities both in the US and in Europe.

Mr. Ambrose said that predicted noise levels were about 6 dB lower than actual levels found after IWTs were up and spinning.

One of the mistakes he said that noise testers often make is setting the existing noise levels (or ambient sound) as too loud. He said complaints start with a 5dB increase in noise.

He also told the board that the particular sound from IWTs is especially annoying to people, especially as they try to sleep.

Another mistake is the testing meter technology.

"Our tools are not as good as the human ear," he said.

Then there is the common sense factor. He cited a study where a rural area had an ambient sound measured in the 50+ dBs. That, of course, is ridiculous, but it was August and the insects were chirping.

"Unless you can tell me what produced that [noise], the number is useless," said Mr. Ambrose.

Mr. Ambrose was part of the team that measured sound from the Falmouth IWTs. He said he became sick while inside a house as the turbines were spinning.

"I felt miserable," he said.

Mr. Ambrose also explained that inside the sound can be worse because certain structures can amplify the sound. The same is true outside, such as over a body of water.

He called the area around IWTs the "public health sacrifice zone," and that zone is 1.4 kilometers around a 1.5 megawatt IWT.

If you live in that zone, according to Mr. Ambrose, "you're gonna be sick. You're going to have sleep disturbances."

The board did not take any vote on the measure, but said they wanted the information before their joint meeting with the Board of Health on June 10.

The board also heard from all departments involved in the town's emergency response plan to hear about any changes. The board will meet at the West Island Community Center on Monday, 6/1, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the plan in detail and to take questions from residents.

The blizzard in February was the main focus, as plans in place seem to be lacking when lots of snow is involved.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority was invited to participate for the first time and will submit a plan to be reviewed and possibly added to the overall plan.

During the blizzard, housing authority units were without power for several days and residents would

Let's get real, NStar is not going to put people at meetings [Jeff Osuch]

not leave for the shelters. Some who wanted to leave were unable to dig their cars out and drive anyway.

All in all, the problems associated with the blizzard and the last hurricane, Sandy, seemed to stem from the town not opening a command center.

The water department said it needed more time to shut down water systems and to know which areas it would shut down. However, water superintendent Ed Fortin would not give an exact time frame for when his department needed to be notified, saying it depends on how many gates need to be shut and where, hence the need for a command center with minute-to-minute updates and constant communication among decision makers.

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch reminded everyone that the responsibility for opening the command center lies with the Fire Chief.

Mr. Osuch said the problem was

not the plan, but problems happened when department heads did not follow the plan.

"That's why you have a plan, but you have to follow it," said Mr. Osuch. "All the components have to work together to be successful."

"This plan does work," said Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy.

Officials also complained about NStar not being responsive and being disorganized, with no point person to make decisions for the town.

When someone suggested getting NStar to a planning meeting, Mr. Osuch balked.

"Let's get real, NStar is not going to put people at meetings," he said, adding that he agreed that NStar did not do its part very well in the last two storms.

"You've got to react to circumstances as they develop," said Mr. Osuch. "You can't count on outside help for 24-48 hours."

The Emergency Management Agency also had some changes to suggest on how the shelter was managed in the blizzard. The shelter is the responsibility of the school department. Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin said that the BPW saved the day by plowing, but there are other issues when there is a lot of snow on the ground, most notably that once people go home they may not be able to get back in to staff a shelter.

"A blizzard is much more difficult than a hurricane," said Dr. Baldwin.

Town officials also ended up using their personal cars to transport people to the shelters.

Mr. Murphy said he would support opening the command center sooner. He also said the last two storms were minor compared to what happened in New Jersey and New York.

"But we're just a wind away from there," he said.

A request by Council on Aging director Anne Sylvia to move the buses from the town yard to a place more accessible to drivers drew some argument from Mr. Osuch.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth, however, agreed with Ms. Sylvia.

Officials also said that sightseers were a problem, getting in the way of emergency vehicles and walking in

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

EPA/Dredge mtg

The EPA will hold an informational meeting on **Thurs., 6/13 at 5:30 p.m. in Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St.**, with the Fairhaven Selectboard regarding the harbor dredging project, PCBs and CAD cells. This project is not the current South Terminal/State project currently underway.

Bag of Books Sale

The Oxford Book Haven & Café, located at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, will hold a **Dollar-a-Bag book sale on Saturday, June 8**, from 9am to 1pm. There is a large selection of books. Coffee and home-made desserts will be available. All proceeds benefit the Church of the Good Shepherd. Call 508-992-2281 or visit www.goodshepherdfairhaven.com

Quahogging Lesson

Learn how to harvest your own quahogs with the Buzzards Bay Coalition during a **free event on Sat., 6/8 at noon**. Representatives from the town of Fairhaven and the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries will teach participants the basics of local quahogging — what you need, how to do it, and where to go. This will be a fun and educational event for the whole family.

Meet at **Round Cove on West Island in Fairhaven**. Participants can park on the street at the north end of Dogwood Street. **Pre-registration is required for this program**. For more information and to RSVP, contact Margo Connolly at connolly@savebuzzardsbay.org, 508-999-6363 ext. 224.

Learn to Quahog is part of the Coalition's Bay Adventures series, programs designed for explorers of all ages to get outside and discover Buzzards Bay. Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventures.

Beach Cleanup

On Sat., 6/8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., West Marine, TowBoatU.S., Be the Solution to Pollution and Screenworks are sponsoring the 3rd Annual World Oceans Day **Fort Phoenix Beach Cleanup**. Volunteers are welcome and supplies will be provided along with coffee, donuts and water. The first 50 volunteers will receive a free event t-shirt. Rain date Sunday, June 9.

Spring Carnival

The last Spring Carnival at the Rogers School Playground located at 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, **will be held on June 8 (rain date June 9th), from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Open to the Public. Carnival Games and Prizes; Concession Food (ie hot dogs, cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn); moon bounce; dj karaoke; large blow-up obstacle course and slide; face painting; flush tank with "special guest flushes."

Proceeds to benefit the students of the new merged Wood School.

LGBT Cafe

June is National Gay Pride month. With that in mind, Coastline Elderly Services and the Fairhaven Council on Aging are hosting an Elder Pride BBQ & Social at the Fairhaven Senior Center on **Sun., 6/9 from 4-8 p.m. to kick-off the opening of an LGBT Café** where older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals can dine and socialize with their peers. The Social is open to LGBT individuals 55 and older from the South Coast area free of charge.

The group plans to grow and continue providing LGBT specific programs and events, including inter-generational collaborations, and educational programming.

To learn more or to RSVP, please call the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029.

Waynestock 2013

It isn't often that you can literally save a life by enjoying a day of great music. SE Mass. is pulling out all the stops with Waynestock 2013 on **Sun., 6/9 from 1-10PM**. Experience three rooms of non-stop music at the Seaport Inn and Marina, 110 Middle Street in Fairhaven, MA. Waynestock features some of the best music the area has to offer as well as a magician, DJ, raffle, and both live and silent auctions. A \$15.00 donation gets you an all-access pass!

The proceeds support The Wayne Ferreira Benefit Fund. Ferreira, a talented musician and painter, has been living with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis since 2001. The disease has progressed to the point where he is unable to work or build the financial reserve required for his post double-lung transplant surgical

recovery. Without these funds he will be rejected as a candidate for the transplant and be denied his only hope of recovery.

Visit www.wayneferreirabenefit.com/ to buy tickets online and for a list of where to buy them.

Calling All Artists

Fairhavenites are invited to exhibit up to 10 of their original works at the art and photography exhibit at the Fairhaven Homecoming Fair on June 29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For applications, contact Co-Chairs Barbara Acksen, 508-993-0317, or Cheryl Brownell, 508-207-6610; or download applications from FairhavenHomecoming.wordpress.com

Deadline for submitting applications is **Mon., 6/10**. Henry Ferreira, chair of the Print Department at Rhode Island School of Design and Suzy Scherson, new faculty member at UMassD Department of Fine Arts, are this year's judges.

Odd Couple at TH

Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" will be performed in Fairhaven **June 7 & 8 at 7 PM, and June 9 at 2 PM in Fairhaven Town Hall Theater, 40 Center Street**. Admission: Suggested \$5 donation to Dana Farber

See the home-grown talents of the so-called "Deadbeats" with Fairhaven natives Cameron Durant and Johnny Kalife playing the lead roles in this well-known comedy that won Tony Awards, became a hit movie and a popular TV sitcom.

In addition to Durant and Kalife this "Odd Couple" production stars Ryan Keenan, Noah Martinez, Kevin Peloquin, Christopher Rogissart and Erin Sylvia. John Kalife will direct.

All proceeds benefit Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Tickets at the door.

Save the Date

Father's Day Road Race on Sunday, 6/16. See ad on page 9.

Walking Tours

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism announces that its walking tour season has begun with **free walks offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays through September**. The summer-time tours have been guided by the

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Summer Programs

New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches will hold open registration sessions for families interested in enrolling their children in the Kennedy Summer Day Program. The program is an opportunity for children to engage in a variety of sports, games, crafts, environmental education, and outdoor fun while making new friends. Activities include beach and swim time, special visitor programs by the National Park Service, Buzzards Bay Coalition, and many more. The program operates for 8 weeks during the summer between July 1st and August 23rd.

Registration sessions will be held:

- **Friday, 6/7, 4-6pm** at Normandin Middle School Community Room
- **Friday, 6/14, 4-6pm** at Buttonwood Park Community Center
- **Wednesday, 6/19, 4-6pm** at Fort Taber Community Center
- **Friday, 6/21, 4-6pm** at Fort Taber Community Center

The Program is operated out of Fort Taber Park and includes breakfast, lunch and transportation. The program is open to children who are eligible for kindergarten in September of 2013 through the age of 14. For New Bedford residents, **each two-week session is \$135** and financial aid is available for those who qualify at a rate of \$70 per two-week session. **If space allows, non-residents may register for \$155 per session.**

The registration deadline for all sessions is June 28th. Parents are encouraged to complete and submit an application as soon as possible as space is limited. Registration packets are available at the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches located at 181 Hillman St. in Building 3 or at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St. For more information, please contact New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches at (508) 961-3015.

Play Auditions

Director Robin Richard will audition actors for Douglas Carter Beane's tangy comedy of manners "The Little Dog Laughed" on **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.**

The production is scheduled for presentation January 16-26, 2014.

Tryouts for the two male and two

female roles will be held in the handicap accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking and entrance located at rear of church on County St.

Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Mr. Richard is seeking individuals to fill the following roles: Mitchell (30-35) a closeted gay movie star, Diane (45-60) a hard driving Hollywood agent, Alex the rent boy (18-25) a charismatic hustler and Ellen (20-30) Alex's sensible and feisty girlfriend. The actors playing the parts of Mitchell and Alex have to be comfortable enough in their own skin to "play gay." There is no nudity or sex but the men do get a little physical.

The play follows the adventures of Mitchell Green, a movie star who could hit big if it weren't for one teensy-weensy problem. His agent, Diane, can't seem to keep him in the closet. Trying to help him navigate Hollywood's choppy waters, the devilish Diane is doing all she can to keep Mitchell away from the cute rent boy who's caught his eye and the rent boy's girlfriend (wait, the rent boy has a girlfriend?). Will there be a happy ending as the final credits roll?

Nominated for the 2006 Tony Award as best play, Ben Brantley of The New York Times called it "lean, mean, brash, and crass."

It will be the 4th of Your Theatre Inc.'s five major productions in its 2013-2014 67th season of providing award-winning community theatre to Southeastern Massachusetts.

Further information about the audition is available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508 993-0772, or by sending e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

Local Art Exhibit

ArtWorks! Members' Exhibition June 7 through July 13, 2013. This year's show of members' work features a diverse and interesting mix of work by local and regional artists. The exhibition was juried by Perry Price, Education Director of the American Craft Council in Minneapolis. The work in this show

includes, Seascapes, photographs, mixed media, fine furniture and felted vessels.

The public is invited to join ArtWorks! members and many of the exhibiting artists for an **opening reception Friday evening June 7, 2013 from 5 to 7pm in the gallery.** The event presents a unique occasion to meet many of the artists and to hear from them directly about their work. It's also an opportunity for art collectors, beginners and veterans alike, to explore purchasing works by local artists.

ArtWorks!, 384 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford; www.artworksforyou.org

Artists Garage Sale

New Bedford Open Studios (NBOS) will be hosting its first Artist Garage Sale, taking place at **Ropeworks Studio, 123 Sawyer St., New Bedford, on June 9, from 11:00am-4:00pm.** This unique garage sale will showcase the work of NBOS artists, one-of-a-kind finds, art supplies, and eclectic artsy items. You never know what you might find...

Free admission. For more information, visit: www.newbedfordopenstudios.org or email info@newbedfordopenstudios.org

Get Outdoors

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is offering free fun in the sun as part of National Get Outdoors Day. Get a head start to a healthier, happier you with yoga in the park or "burn while you learn" by taking a guided or self-guided walking tour of the historic district.

HOPE Yoga Studio in Dartmouth will offer **free yoga in the park garden at 2:00 PM on Sat., 6/8, 33 William Street** in downtown New Bedford. Bring yoga mats, if you have one. The park has a limited supply of mats for those who don't have one. Please RSVP (for yoga only) by calling Emily Prigot at 508-996-4095 x 6105 or via email at emily_prigot@nps.gov.

Boy Scout Open Houses

Area Boys Scouts are holding several open houses this week.

BOYS & GIRLS, Venture Crew 7 Open House: Friday, 6/7, from 6:30-

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STILL OVERTOWN

8:00, Gifts to Give 21 Cove St. New Bedford, Mass. **Young men and women 14-21 are welcome** Venture Scouting is run by the members, men and women 14-21 who decide what activities and events they want to attend, including: camping, white-water rafting, rifle and pistol shooting, rock climbing, and boating. There are many opportunities for hanging out, having fun, and going to cool places. Adults are present as advisors to help and ensure safety.

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For information, call 774-263-5018

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Troop 7 Open House, Tuesday, 6/11, from 6:30-8:00, Gifts to Give 21 Cove St. New Bedford, Mass. **Boys who have completed 5th Grade and or are 11-18.** Boy Scouts meetings and events are run by the boys who decide what activities and events they want to attend, opportunities include: camping, swimming, boating, going to fun events such as monster truck rallies, battleship cove, and more. There are many opportunities for hanging out, having fun, and going to new places.

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Pack 7 Open House, Monday June 10 6:00-7:30, Gifts to Give 21 Cove St. New Bedford, Mass. **Boys in 1st grade or 7 years old**

Cub Scouts learn and grow by attending meetings and activities with leaders and parents. There are many fun and learning opportunities including overnight in the Museum of Science, the circus, baseball games and more.

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HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Camp Angel Wings

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

Camp Angel Wings incorporates interactive activities including music, swimming, arts and crafts, as a positive way to help campers share their loss, and memorialize loved ones. All activities are designed to reduce feelings of isolation while improving the self-esteem of children and teens who share like experiences in grief.

Camp Angel Wings is free for all campers, but space is limited and registration is required. Applications to attend Camp Angel Wings are being accepted online now. Please visit www.southcoast.org/campangelwings/ for more information. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible as space is limited. **The deadline for registration is June 16.** A separate application will need to be completed for each camper. Applicants will receive notification of acceptance or a request for additional information after the application is reviewed.

For questions contact Lindsay Coe, Camp Angel Wings Coordinator, by phone at 508-973-3219 or by email at coel@southcoast.org.

Dinner F-R

Nick Claudio is known as the "Renaissance Man" from Mattapoisett because of what he has accomplished in spite of debilitating cancer treatments. Among other accomplishments, in March he became the inaugural recipient of the Cam Neely Award for Courage, and he's just 12 years old.

Nick's first tumor left him blind at the age of 9. He's currently undergoing treatment for a second round of brain tumors. With bills for non-reimbursable medical treatment, technology and travel expenses mounting daily, a group of friends and family have come together to help ensure that Nick has the opportunity to participate in outreach programs for the visually impaired along with obtaining the necessary equipment and technology to keep him connected with the world.

The Freedom Fund for Nick Claudio (FFFNC), with support from the Devin Laubi Foundation, is holding a fundraiser, emceed by Jim Mathes, at 6PM on **Sunday, June 23, at the Century House in Acushnet.** Tickets are \$30 each and \$20 each for children 13 and under. Tickets can be obtained by calling 508-996-3425.

Elder Abuse Conf.

STOP Elder Bullying conference will be held on **Thursday, June 13, 2013, at White's of Westport**, 66 State Road (Route 6), Westport, MA, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register, call Bristol at (508) 675-2101.

Bullying exists not just among the young. Many elders also experience this devastating assault on their dignity. They may be bullied by family members, by caregivers, or by their peers.

Registration \$40. An application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted. Registration is free for the first 30 elders to register, courtesy of the Office of Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter. Elders needing transportation can request assistance at registration.

If you have cause to believe that you or someone you know who is sixty or older is being abused, neglected, or exploited, there is help. Call Bristol at (508) 675-2101 to file a confidential report. After normal business hours, reports may be filed with the statewide Elder Abuse Hotline at (800) 922-2275. You may also call Bristol for more information about SAFE at (508) 675-2101.

Clamboil

"Summer Networking and Clam Boil Dinner," featuring Bill Hulbig, founder and former CEO of MicroGroup and CEO of International Capital Exchange, by Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF) on **Thursday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m.,** Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine Street, Fall River. \$20 for SNEEF members and students, \$30 for non-SNEEF members. Register at www.sneef.org.

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Recipe of the Week

BLT Dip

- 1c. Mayonnaise
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- 1 lb bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped

Combine mayonnaise and sour cream in a med. bowl, stirring well with a wire whisk.

Stir in bacon and tomatoes. Serve immediately with Melba toast rounds.

For spicier version, use salsa in place of tomatoes.

For lighter version, use nonfat mayonnaise, fat free sour cream and turkey bacon. I prefer the regular way...so yummy! Enjoy!

Bevy Lussier

Garlic Bread

- 1 stick softened butter
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Mix together all ingredients until well blended. Spread evenly on sliced Italian bread.

Broil 2 to 3 minutes until golden brown.

Serve hot.

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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Little League weekly update

MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION

Acush. Co 10, Deterra Excavating 1
A.C.: Dario St. James pitched 2 innings striking out 6, and also had a hit and 2-RBI's. Conner Bonds had a great game behind the plate, and also had a hit and scored 2 runs. Deterra: Niko Tavares pitched 4 solid innings striking out 9 batters.

Ocean's Fleet 14, WC Seafood 3

Ocean's staff of Mason Tolman, Scottie Joseph & Aiden Hassey combined for the win, recording 11ks in 4 complete innings. Offensively Ocean's were led by Mason's 2 hits & Aiden's 3 Runs Scored, Timmy Lawrence had the only other base hit.

Ocean's Fleet 10, Fairhaven Exc. 6

Ocean's pitching duo of Mason Tolman & Scottie Joseph coming for 5 innings of work striking out 10. Base hits for Ocean's came from Mason Tolman, Evan Souza, Timmy Lawrence & Scottie Joseph. Game Ball went to Sara Leclair for her Gold Glove work at third base.

MAJOR LEAGUE DIVISION

Century House 10, Knox Electric 2

Brady Bennett picked up the win pitching five innings of 2 hit ball and striking out 6 and Nate Figueiredo recorded the last three outs. Century House's offense was led by Bryce Duprey going 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored, Cade Genard going 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's and a run, Figueiredo was 2 for 3 with 2 runs, and Jack Wethington went 2 for 3 with a run scored. Jason Camacho had a hit and a run scored for Knox.

Roland's Tire 3, Costa's Insurance 2

For Costa's, Ethan Henriques, Griffin Henriques and David Lawrence pitched a combined nice game. Nathan Matias led the offense with a 2-run home run and Ben Davignon

made a couple of nice plays defensively. Flynn Bourgault pitched a complete game for Roland's.

Lions Club 8, Costa's Insurance 5

The Lions won a tight game behind good pitching by Sam Horsfall and closer Andrew Chase. Collin Roderiques and Ian Golas each were 2-3 with doubles. Justin Deslauriers had 2 hits with 2 RBI's and Zach Soucy had a double with 2 RBI's. Costa's Ethan Henriques and David Lawrence had 3 hits each. Ben Mayer was solid on the mound. David Lawrence was outstanding catching for Costas.

Costa's Ins. 6, Stevens Home Imp. 1

David Lawrence pitched 5 and 2/3 innings and had 2 hits. Ethan Henriques went 3-3 with 4 RBI. Will Benoit made 6-outs in the field.

Century House 11, Costa's Ins. 1

Quintin Botelho recorded the win, pitching the four complete innings striking out 4. Century House's offense was lead by Brady Bennett 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's and a run, Bryce Duprey 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored, Cody Gagne 1 for 3 with a run scored, and Myles Labrode 1 for 2 with 1 RBI and a run. David Lawrence and Ben Davignon each had hits for Costa's.

Lions Club 14, Knox Electric 13

The Lions pulled out a win in 7 innings behind the pitching trio of Collin Roderiques, Justin Deslauriers, and Zach Soucy. Offensively lead by Sam Horsfall (2-3) 3 RBI's, Justin Deslauriers (2-3), Jake Bentley and Ian Golas each added a hit with 2 RBI's.

Lions Club 8, Elf's Landscaping 5

Andrew chase pitched a solid game with good defense by Ryan Deslauriers and Evan Ferro. Andrew

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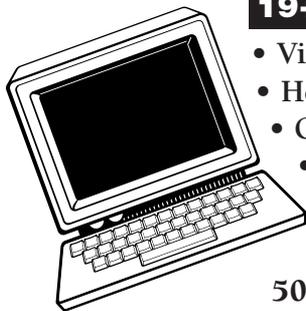
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ConCom and Selectboard discuss recent friction in ConCom

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

"I don't get paid. I don't need this aggravation," said Fairhaven Conservation Commission Chairperson Joe Taylor to the Selectboard on 6/4 during a Selectboard meeting dedicated to addressing the tension and discord within ConCom. "I'd rather stay home and sit in front of my fireplace."

Mr. Taylor said he was angry and annoyed by a break-down in cohesiveness in the commission, and that he felt overwhelmed by his volunteer workload, specifically the perpetual problems with Bella Vista Island. It's killing him, he said.

"Bella Vista is out of control," said Mr. Taylor to the board. "Way beyond the scope of what this commission can do."

He added maybe it was time for Town Counsel to be called to handle some outstanding issues, such as the collection of monies owed the Town.

Mr. Taylor told the board that the ConCom was unable to ratify an enforcement order at their last meeting on 6/3 because Cora Peirce refused to sign it; and he lamented over the recent resignation of Andy Jones from the commission.

In his opinion, the commission is behaving unprofessionally, with "people" reading Section 23b statements, writing letters about him that are full of lies, and a general air of conflict within the commission.

"I don't need to go back to high school," said Mr. Taylor. He looked to the Selectboard and said, "If you don't want me...I'll leave...I would just as soon hand in my paper and get out."

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said he understood Mr. Taylor's frustration, and empathized with him over the challenges of volunteerism.

"It's not fun anymore," said Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Murphy then looked to the three ConCom members to share their thoughts.

"Quorum is a challenge. Period," said ConCom Member Steve Pereira, adding that if the commission wasn't always barely a quorum, then situations like the enforcement order ratification mess on 6/3 could be avoided and people would not have to feel so "put on the spot" to sign.

Lack of training and expertise is

another of Mr. Pereira's concerns and he said the situation is far from ideal.

"This makes me more interested in leaving," said Mr. Pereira, motioning his hands about the room. "It's not a person or two people. It's really we're in over our heads." He said he feels unsupported as a commission member, especially when situations turn sour and lead to applicants accusing and insulting commission members.

"We don't make up these regulations," said Mr. Pereira, describing them as having "a lot of gray area," while the commission lacks the authority to fine violators.

Commission Member Janine Peccini stated, "I don't think this board is as dysfunctional as it sounds."

She said, although she knows that the commission is not made up of experts, everyone has something to bring to the table.

"There are tense times...but I think

I don't get paid. I don't need this aggravation. I'd rather stay home and sit in front of my fireplace [Joe Taylor]

every board has tense times," Ms. Peccini said, adding that commission members are not mandated to vote the same all the time, nor should they.

She suggested that, if commission members consistently miss meetings, then perhaps they should be encouraged to resign. She also suggested adding more staff time to take some of the pressure off Mr. Taylor.

Ms. Peirce brought up her contentious situation with Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin since she filed a discrimination complaint with the Mass Commission Against Discrimination saying, "It was not something that was done lightly."

She expressed her frustration over the rumors and "murmurs" she hears from people as she passes at Town Hall.

"I don't feel I should be blamed for reporting."

Ms. Peirce said she wants her legacy to be land preservation, not state ethics.

"I've seen us work together as a

team before," she said. In her opinion, none of this would be a big deal if there were just more members on the commission.

There was some back and forth between the board and the commission, with suggestions being tossed around.

"I think a little but more teamwork and letting these little personal things go would help you a lot," said Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth. "You guys have to work together as a team."

One more discussion about the 23b statement came up, with Mr. Taylor asking why Ms. Peirce couldn't just read the statement once per meeting.

"I already had so much anxiety over reading this (23b)," she said. "I felt extremely uncomfortable."

Mr. Haworth replied, "I can tell there's a little bit of friction...and it's impairing your ability to work with the rest of the commission."

Ms. Peirce stated that Mr. Taylor has not felt comfortable with her since she filed her complaint against Mr. Fostin.

"Maybe it's not you he has a problem with," said Mr. Haworth. "Maybe it's just the 23b reading."

Later in the meeting, Ms. Peirce turned to Mr. Taylor saying, "I apologize, Joe. I do respect you."

She encouraged him to keep the communication open and to share his workload.

The Selectboard and ConCom both came up with some "realistic, achievable goals," as Mr. Murphy put it.

In order to facilitate the dissemination of information among commission members, the Selectboard will be looking into allowing ConCom to utilize the Town's GIS software system. Mr. Taylor will be drafting a letter to the selectboard to pass the Bella Vista Island money collection issue over to Town Counsel and Town Counsel will also be looking into updating the conservation regulations, and a more palatable version and implementation of Ms. Peirce's 23b statement.

The selectboard also encouraged Mr. Taylor to schedule free training sessions with the Mass DEP.

ConCom is desperately seeking new commission members. Anyone interested should email a letter (preferred) to selectmen@fairhaven-ma.gov or mail to Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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dangerous areas.

Officials reminded residents to get their hurricane stickers from the public works department on Arsene Street now, instead of waiting for when the storm is imminent.

No votes were taken, but all departments were asked to submit their changes for discussion at the 6/17 meeting.

In another matter, the board also heard from Ed Eichner of the UMassD Estuaries study.

The study was looked at the health of Nasketucket Bay, measuring nutrient loading (nitrogen) and bacterial contamination.

Overall, the bay is well balanced and "existing conditions are good," said Mr. Eichner, but it is borderline and conditions could decline with any change in development or other factors.

The study will be used to determine the town's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) set by the Environmental Protection Agency for out put by the wastewater treatment plant.

The "data driven" study uses information collected from 1997-2011 in Nasketucket and the Little Bay system. It measures eel grass, plant and fish life in the bay and on the shore, etc.

"It's right at the threshold," said Mr. Eichner, adding that the big concern is build-out potential.

The data collected includes infor-

mation from after Scoticut Neck Road was connected to sewer.

The newly protected deNormandie property is still listed as having development potential. Until the deal is sealed, it will remain that way. Amending the study to include that change will cost the town a couple of thousand dollars, according to Mr. Eichner.

"These things change all the time," he said.

The board also voted to pay the next installment of \$20,000 for the study, and extend the contract to the end of June. The \$114,000 for the study was voted on several years ago at Town Meeting.

Board members expressed frustration that the study took so long, with \$79,000 being paid out and Monday's presentation being the first report the town has received.

"We've been extremely patient," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Eichner said there were a lot of reasons why the study was delayed but he believed those issues had been addressed.

The board also discussed a letter sent by NStar informing the town that it would exercise its right to clear-cut trees for 100 feet on either side of the power lines.

Board members expressed dismay that NStar would make such a drastic move, which would "totally change that whole experience on the bike

path," according to Mr. Haworth.

In other business:

- Jack's Auto Sales did not show up for a public hearing, choosing instead to give up its local license on Friday before the meeting. It means that the business cannot operate in Fairhaven, although its state license is still valid.
- The board reappointed a long list of members to various boards and committees. They held several pending more information, or possibly to disband them, and to ask members if they are seeking reappointment or not. Committees held were Beautification, Fire Apparatus, Fire Department Building, Shellfish Advisory, Tourism, and Appeals. Several boards and committees have vacancies. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Selectboard office at 508-979-4023 for a list of openings.
- Voted to send a letter to the owner of Scramblers, who has been uncooperative in letting the building inspector in for an annual inspection.
- Adopted a policy to ban dogs from Town Hall, except for service animals, after a couple of incidents, including someone almost getting bitten, and people putting dogs on the counter in the Selectboard office.

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Counselor in Training Program

Teens 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Included is CPR, early education tips, job interview skills and much more, CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects, etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2 week sessions. Cost per session \$200.00 for members \$230 for non Members. 13 min. age. Space limited

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6/26: Plymouth Shopping

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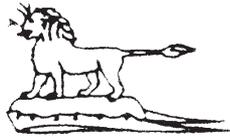
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Windy graduation day sends seniors off to new horizons

By Beth David
Editor

A bright, sunny and very windy Sunday greeted Fairhaven high School seniors as they graduated to the next phase of their lives. One hundred-fifty-nine of the 164 graduating seniors opted to walk the walk in the football field, with the stands full of friends and family to cheer them on.

Class Salutatorian Alexandra Saulenas told her classmates that they each had a different story as they made their way from childhood. She said that many of them had the same friends since they were little.

"They are the ones who helped compose the first few pages of your life, with color spirit and zest," she said, adding that they should "struggle to become the individual you aspire to be."

Ms. Saulenas urged her fellow graduates to face the "daunting blank pages" of their lives with fearlessness, not apprehension.

"Sstrive to meet the best of your potential and don't let anyone direct you," she said. "We have the love and support of a small town to help us with the bumps in the road and a friend to call with a flat."

Valedictorian Eric Borges told his classmates to strive towards their goals, but to be sure to enjoy the ride on the way.

"Rather than trying to build a checklist of accomplishments, we should aim to actually experience the journey that it takes to reach these goals," said Mr. Borges. "And as we reach the end of each journey, it's important to remember what went



into it. As they say, it's not about where you are, it's about how you got there."

He noted with humor that they learned a lot in four years, about themselves, each other and the technologies of the day.

"But, believe it or not, our high school experience has taught us something even more important than those things," he said. "It has taught us to embrace the ride, and leave our marks along the way."

He told them that they could take pride in their journey as a class and as individuals, and that only they could understand what they went through to reach that point.

"For the rest of our lives, we won't remember high school for having received our diplomas," said Mr. Borges. "We'll remember it for all of the experiences that we had leading up to that."



He said their collective experiences made the the class of 2013 and that they made their mark on the school, and he hoped they would continue to add to the legacy they started.

He said they only had to ask around to see how the community at large and the educators had great confidence in them.

"Most importantly, talk to each other, and you'll quickly see how promising we are as a class," said Mr. Borges, adding that all they had to do was remember themselves as freshmen to see how much they changed.

He cautioned them, though, not to think that finishing high school created the change.

"Instead, it was our journey *through* high school. With each day that passed, we learned and grew just



ABOVE: Fairhaven High School class of 2013 Salutatorian Alexandra Saulenas addresses her classmates at the FHS graduation ceremony on Sunday, 6/2. MIDDLE: Erin Murphy gives out a shout after getting her diploma. BOTTOM: School Committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler skips the handshake and hugs her son Alex.

a little bit more," he said. "We have what it takes to complete our next journey, and leave a lasting legacy wherever we go."

"Be confident, enjoy every step you take, and leave your mark," he said. "Continue to set goals for yourself, but remember not to let them dominate your lives. Instead, let them serve as simply a destination. It is up to you to make the most out of how you get there."

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin, whose sone was among the graduates, told the class of 2013, "You are so impressive. We are so very proud."

He used country music to get his point across, telling the graduates they had left their mark on the town, quoting from "Tattoos on the Town," by Jason Aldean: "It sure left its mark on us, we sure left our mark on it; We let the world know we were here with everything we did."

Dr. Baldwin told graduates that their accomplishments raised the academic bar to another level, including 37 students in the National Honor Society and increased participation in the Advanced Placement Program.

He said because of them more students were choosing Fairhaven High School and he recited a long list of accomplishments both social and athletic.

"Young people want to be like you," said Dr. Baldwin.

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Meet The Graduates

This is the list of the 164 students who graduated from Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 6/2.

Zachary J. Alferes
Isaac L. Allen
High Honors
Lauren S. Almeida
Eamonn T. Andre
Jarrid S. Antil
Kendal R. Armstrong
Reece T. Arnold
High Honors
Justin F. Avila
Erin J. Baker
High Honors
Ryan A. Baldwin
Honors
Kimberly M. Baptista
Kayli-Anna R. Barriteau
Jacob E. Beaudoin
Kayli R. Berche
Melissa K. Berry
High Honors
Adam Bolieiro
Eric S. Borges *Highest Honors Valedictorian*
Samantha L. Botelho
Kevin E. Bourgeois
Christian R. Braga
High Honors
David M Braga
Miranda C. Branco
Ashley M. Brown
Sydney L. Brum
Britney L. Cabral
Honors
Jordan P. Cabral
Madison L. Cabral
High Honors
Samantha L. Caffin
Matthew P. Caron
Jacob A. Carvalho
High Honors
MaKaela E.F. Carvalho
Kendall L. Chandler
High Honors
Hanna E. Christ
High Honors
Brittni L. Claflin
Honors
Carlee M. Claflin
Devin M. Cloutier
Giuliano A. Conte
High Honors
Sophia M. Cordeiro
High Honors
Avery J. Correia
Travis R. Correia
Dylan M. Costa
Colby J. P. Costeira
Nichole M. Cyr

Alejandro De La Zerda
Elizabeth M. Delgado
Brittney A. DeMoranville
Wesley P. DeOliveira
Hannah E. Desrosiers
Peter DeTerra Jr.
Brandon M. Dias
Alyssa G. Do Couto
Alec B. Dompierre
Devyn G. Duarte
Trevor A. Duarte
Kobie M. Edwards
Ryan J. Edwards
Kyle J. Everett
High Honors
Jayne E. Faria
High Honors
Tabitha L. Fernandes
Edwin A. Fernandes IV
Kelly M. Figueiredo
Samantha L. Figueiredo
Connor J. Flynn
Melanie R. Fortin
High Honors
Danielle J. Fournier
Honors
Jillian L. Gadbois
Amy B. Galligan
Farah M. Gillette
Jonathan E. Gonsalves
Honors
Zachary M. Goulart
Marisa K. Gubler
Honors
Seth T. Guillotte
Zachary W. Hahn
Dalton J. Hastings
Erin M. Hoberman
Honors
Ashley L. Holodinski
Jacquelyn J. House
Honors
Morgan A. Izdebski
High Honors
Jamaul D. Jones
Austin L. Judd
Jared S. Knickerbocker
Veda R. Krol
Alexander K. Kuechler
Kyle J. LaBerge
Abigail E. Landry
Cameron S. Langlois
Katie L. Langlois
Matthew J. Lawrence



Allison N. LeBert
Amanda LeBlanc
Alex A. Leite
High Honors
Craig S. Lewis
Honors
Adam N. Lima
Danielle M. Loiseau
Vanessa R. Lygren
High Honors
Addressa M. Major
Zachary W. Margeson
Sean L. Masse
Luke T. McGraw
Annie I. McGregor
High Honors
Daniel J. McLaughlin
High Honors
Jacob R. McNaught
Laura C. Medeiros
High Honors
Jordan N. Mendes
Nicholas P. Mendonca
Kaitlyn A. Mendoza
Nicholas T. Messier
Dakota L. Midgette
Elizabeth A. Montigny
Emma C. Morehead
Honors
Bianca M. Moura
Erik W. Moura
Kay A. Mullen
High Honors
Erin E. Murphy
Diana Nguyen
Garrett M. Nicholas
Jackson E. Oliva
High Honors
Anthony J. Pauline
Danielle E. Paulson
High Honors
Briana M. Pelton
Ashley E. Pereira
High Honors
Cecille M. Pereira
Honors
Tyler J. Pereira
High Honors
Jacob M. Perrone
High Honors
Victoria M. Perry
High Honors

Colin J. Pilkington
William J. Pires
Honors
Eric M. Plummer
Honors
Victoria K. Poulin
Thomas A. Powers Jr.
Dayanara E. Puga
Catherine M. Rapoza
High Honors
Destinee A. Rego
Calista A. Remillard
Nicole C. Riley
Nathan J. Rock
Ryan A. Rose
Edward J. Ruel IV
Alexandra R. Saulenas
High Honors Salutatorian
Anneliese K. Schmidt
Honors
Heather M. Shanks
High Honors
Madison L. Shields
High Honors
Molly G. Silva
Honors
Amy C. Silvia
High Honors
Camden B. Smith
Matthew C. Sorenson
Marie P. Souza
Honors
Richard J. Souza
Breana R. Spellman
John P. Stapleton
Honors
Kaleb M. Stupalski
High Honors
Jeffrey M. Swain
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Honors
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Longtime ConCom member: board is “broken”

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Former Chairperson Andy Jones resigned from the Fairhaven Conservation Commission on 5/23 after almost ten years in ConCom, saying that there was just too much drama going on with his fellow members and “we’re pretty much broken as a board.”

When Mr. Jones received a letter on 5/23 from the Selectboard calling in ConCom members to appear before the board to discuss “ethics and conduct,” he said that was it for him.

“It was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” said Mr. Jones in a phone interview after he handed in his resignation to the Clerk’s Office. “I didn’t like the letter. I didn’t really like the tone of the letter.”

Mr. Jones said that he had never received a certified letter as a ConCom member and it “threw him for a loop.”

He added that some of the discord within the commission stems from ConCom Member Cora Peirce’s discrimination complaint she filed against Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin, who had at one point ceased attending ConCom meetings on his own accord.

Now, recently Ms. Peirce has begun reading aloud Section 23b of the Conflict Statute before each public hearing, of which there are often several during meetings, stating each time the reason being that she has filed the complaint against Mr. Fostin.

“Everyone’s on the defensive,” said Mr. Jones. “It makes our job impossible.”

That disharmony struck another sour note during the 6/3 meeting after Ms. Peirce refused to provide the fourth required signature to ratify an enforcement order that Chairperson Joe Taylor initiated, killing the enforcement order and frustrating Mr. Taylor.

During a 6/2 on-site visit for 32 Nakata Avenue, members of ConCom spotted an illegal vertical cinderblock wall on top of an existing seawall on the neighboring property of 61 Nakata Avenue. Mr. Taylor issued property owner Jimmy Connors an enforcement order on the spot, saying that the cinderblocks of the unpermitted alteration to the seawall would be “flying missiles during a storm,” since they are located on a

barrier beach in a velocity zone.

Ms. Peirce said she was concerned about “selective enforcement” of regulations.

“I really feel uncomfortable, although I agree we saw it...” said Ms. Peirce, adding that commission members also witnessed several other violations throughout the neighborhood that day and asked why Mr. Taylor would issue an enforcement order to Mr. Connors but not the others.

“Because we saw that,” said Mr. Taylor. “We can’t walk on their properties.”

ConCom member Steve Pereira joined the debate saying, “We’re either enforcing the wetlands regs, or we’re not.”

He said the commission has always promptly acted on violations such as this, but added that it was Ms.

**Everyone’s on the
defensive. It makes our
job impossible.
[Former ConCom
member Andrew Jones]**

Peirce’s prerogative to refuse to sign if she chose.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pereira, and Janine Peccini all signed the enforcement order without hesitation and concurred with the severity of the cinderblock wall.

Mr. Connors was in attendance, accompanied by a few friends, one of them speaking out in support of Ms. Peirce’s decision.

“One smart member on the whole board right there,” said Paul Starkie of 53 Nakata Avenue, pointing to Ms. Peirce.

Mr. Taylor told him the Mass Department of Environmental Protection makes the rules and a Notice of Intent must be filed before altering a seawall.

“That wall protects the street (from water) for Christ’s sake,” said Mr. Starkie loudly, before Mr. Taylor asked him to lower his voice. “I don’t see how you can pick and choose the

way you are.”

Ms. Peirce told Mr. Taylor that, on a previous date, she and Mr. Jones encountered an unpermitted cascading cement stairway along the coastal bank, among other violations, maintaining that Mr. Taylor was selectively enforcing violations.

“Did you bring that to the chairman’s attention?” Mr. Taylor asked her.

“No,” replied Ms. Peirce, “...because it’s too difficult.”

“Are you gonna sign this?” Mr. Taylor asked Ms. Peirce.

“No, I am not,” she said.

Mr. Connor and his friends left the meeting. The unpermitted cinderblock wall will remain as is, but Mr. Taylor said he would take it to the DEP hoping they will take action.

Ms. Peirce continued to announce the Section 23b before each public hearing, but left out Mr. Fostin’s name, an alternate shorter version of her previous announcements.

Also at the meeting:

- Michael Edwards of 113 Cottonwood Street was approved to build a single-family house and garage within the 100-foot buffer zone.
 - Agostinho and Michelle Pinto of 25 Abbey Street were approved for the construction of a single-family house within the buffer zone and velocity zone.
 - Brad and Melanie Stone of 84 Fort Street are seeking approval to add sand, re-grade, and plant indigenous species of plants in the transition area between the beach and their manicured lawn, as well as a new 50-foot by 50-foot patio by the house. The matter was continued until 6/17, with an on-site scheduled for 6/16.
 - Thomas and Donna Kirk of 30 Welcome Street were approved for the construction of a single-family house within the buffer zone and within 100 feet of a stream.
- The following hearings were not opened and were continued until 6/17:
- David Fall of 6 Cove Street for an after-the-fact filing for beach nourishment and raking.
 - David Teixeira of 9 Carlton Avenue for a boulder seawall and break away walls.
 - Heiam Alsawahli of Bella Vista Island for reconstruction of an

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ZBA okays two

BY Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Both applicants left satisfied after receiving approval from the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals during a brief meeting of about 15 minutes on 6/4.

Ed Ducary, for Bob Aubin of 36 Hacker Street, was approved for the conversion of a covered porch into an open-air farmer's porch. Mr. Aubin's property lacked eight feet of the required 20 feet for the porch that will extend right up to the sidewalk.

Building Inspector Wayne Fostin had no concerns to share with the board and, at that, the vote was unanimous.

Board Member Rene Fleurent Jr. applauded the drawings for the porch, saying that they were easy to understand compared to others that are often submitted and can appear confusing and hard to understand.

Sara Ziobro, accompanied and supported by her husband and parents, property owners Clement and JoAnn Beaulieu of 346 Scoticut Neck Road, will now be able to open her beauty salon as a home occupation.

The board had no concerns or questions, swiftly and unanimously approving the Special Permit, and congratulating her on her new business.

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On Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. the Fort Phoenix Minuteman tours will be held. In these presentations a Revolutionary War minuteman tells the history of the historical fort and the nearby hurricane barrier. There is also a discussion on 18th century life, including a look at medical and dental practices. Finally, there will be a demonstration of loading and firing a flintlock rifle. The presentation lasts about 75 minutes and starts at the flagpole at Fort Phoenix at the south end of Fort Street.

Tours will not be held on July 4, 9 and 11. All tours are free of charge. They are can-

celed in the event of rain. For more info, call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

Rogers Logo Wear

Rogers School will be closing in June! If you were a student or teacher at Rogers School, and would love to own a piece of Rogers logo wear or an ornament, we have them available for sale: \$15 for the shirts and the ornaments. We have adult size shirts in Small, Large, and XLarge. Please contact Shelley Alger, 508-992-0346.

July 4 Parade

Fairhaven non-profit organizations, civic groups, Scout troops, clubs, sports teams and businesses are invited to participate in Fairhaven's annual Fourth of July Costume parade, sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. The parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th.

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 17, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Leonor Luiz Location Saltmarsh Road Plot 43 Lot 437 Purpose replace existing shed and clear land around shed within 100' of BVW and within an VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Brahmin Leather Location 77 Alden Road Plot 30A Lots 86C & 86A Purpose verify wetland line.
- Request for Determination Applicant Sherry L. Gomes Location 16 Wilbur's Point Drive Plot 43 Lot 85 Purpose Remove sand and rocks from lawn area, loam and seed within 100' of coastal bank and within a VE flood zone.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Taylor, Chairman

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHT SYSTEM

The Town will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders on behalf of the Town of Fairhaven for the Operation and Maintenance of their Municipal Street Light System in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 30 § 39M of the Massachusetts Bidding Statutes. The Invitation for Bids may be obtained at the Selectmen's Office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Centre Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 M-F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the deadline for submittals.

Bidders must meet the minimum experience and qualifications as outlined

in Section 3.1 and have completed the pre-qualification application in its entirety.

Bids must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office in the Town Hall, 40 Centre Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 by 2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2013 and bids will be publicly opened. The Town of Fairhaven reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, wholly or in part, and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Fairhaven.

The Selected Offeror will be required to sign the form of Agreement in bid documents, Appendix A.

For further information, contact Jeffrey Osuch, Executive Secretary, Town of Fairhaven 508-979-4023.

Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chairman

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Ocearch has a goal of conservation and protection of sharks, hoping that the tagging of individual sharks will give people a better understanding of the feared predator. According to the Ocearch website, shark populations are threatened worldwide. The organization says that sharks play a role in the ocean's ecosystem much like the big cats of Africa.

The online tracking system allows viewers to follow individual sharks and track their past movements.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W13-3857 Town of Fairhaven

NOTIFICATION DATE: June 6, 2013

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Fairhaven to construct and maintain bulkhead and tie back system, pile supported piers, floating docks and electrical work to improve the infrastructure within a Designated Port Area at Union Wharf, off of Water Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over flowed tidelands of Fairhaven Harbor/Acushnet River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

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

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

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Marcelene Cox

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- Joseph Batista of 32 Nakata Avenue to verify wetland line and perform a percolation test.
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The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.

Wilson Mizner

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chase was (2-3) RBI, Ian Golas (2-4) with a double and RBI, Collin Manning added a hit and RBI for the Lions Club. For Elf's Boston Rodrigues had 2 hits (2-2) and Logan Berube, Troy Lopes, Jonathan Paquette and Teddy Ryan all had hits for Elf's.

Elf's Landscap. 2, Superior Logos 4

Elf's fought hard in their loss to Superior. Ryan Lariviere had 2 hits, Tory Lopes had 3 hits, Jonathan Paquette and Teddy Ryan each had hits for Elf's.

Elf's Landscaping 2, Roland's Tire 7

In the loss Teddy Ryan had 2 hits for Elf's. Boston Rodrigues, Logan Berube and Seth Cruz had hits for Elf's.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bikeway Committee
Thurs. 5/23, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals
Tues., 7/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health
Mon., 6/10, Town hall, 12 noon
with Selectboard

Conservation Commission
Mon., 6/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging
Tues., 6/11, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

DEP Sound Study mtg w/Board of Health & Select
Mon., 6/10, Town hall, 12 noon

Finance Committee
Thurs., 6/13, Arsene St., 7 p.m.
Thurs., 6/27, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Harbor Dredging with EPA
Thurs., 6/13, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Board
Tues., 6/12, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

Planning Board
Tues., 6/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee
Wed., 6/12, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard
Thurs., 6/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Mon., 6/10, Town hall, 12 N w/BOH

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health
Tues., 6/7, Parting Ways, 12:15 p.m.

Board of Public Works
Thurs., 6/13, Parting Ways, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm
Wed., 6/12, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee
Wed., 6/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
Thurs., 6/13, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	June, 2013	HIGH a.m. p.m.	LOW a.m. p.m.
Thursday	6	0713 1934 0102 1214	
Friday	7	0756 2014 0133 1255	
Saturday	8	0836 2051 0207 1338	
Sunday	9	0916 2127 0244 1421	
Monday	10	0955 2202 0321 1505	
Tuesday	11	1035 2239 0358 1547	
Wednesday	12	1116 2317 0433 1628	
Thursday	13	1158 2359 0508 1710	
Friday	14	---- 1241 0544 1755	
Saturday	15	0043 1326 0624 1848	

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Melansons are March of Dime Ambassadors

Press Release

The March of Dimes, Massachusetts Chapter has chosen a local family as the Ambassador Family for the 2013 March for Babies in Cape Cod. Natives of Fairhaven, the Melanson Family, is representing the March of Dimes, sharing their story, and getting the word out on how important this cause is. Owners of Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory, on route 6 in Fairhaven, their story is told through the eyes of their daughter, Samantha.

It was a chilly day in February 2010, a day I remember very well; the day I knew I was pregnant. I was young. I was scared. I was excited. I was nervous. I was happy. I was all this and more! But I also didn't know where to begin. So I looked to my family for support and immediately called my sister. Like always she comforted me and helped guide me on the road to a happy healthy pregnancy. In early May, during my anatomy scan, it was confirmed, I was having a little girl! I was so excited, my family was so excited! We went shopping right way. "I love my Mommy!" "I love my Daddy!" "Grandma's Girl!" "Cute, just like Auntie!" We couldn't decide on which to get; we bought them all! Emma Jean Caldas Melanson was going to be the best dressed girl in town!

Things were going well, so at least I thought. It was a warm day in June, I was 27 weeks pregnant and I had just entered the doctor's office for a routine visit. I was excited to hear the comforting whoo, whoo, whoo that I had heard so many visits before, but this time, I heard nothing. The nurse had me change my position, and then she had me drink some juice, and still, I heard nothing. My heart sank and my mind went blank. I found myself going

for an emergency ultrasound and it was there that my biggest fears were confirmed. My baby girl was gone. She was still.

I was frozen in time. I couldn't believe that just a few weeks earlier she was still here, still growing, and today right now she was gone. I was depressed. I was sad. I was angry. I was nervous. I didn't know what to do, so I called my family. Everyone was as strong as they could be, for me, but we were all broken up by the loss of Emma.

On the morning of June 30, 2010, I went to the hospital to be induced. Nearly 17 hours later, my sweet baby girl was born. With my family by my side, we held her, we kissed her, we told her stories, we laughed, we cried, and we cried some more. I held onto my daughter for as long as I could; I didn't want to let her go; none of us did.

As with many good ideas, the idea for Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory came to light over the holidays while the family was together, reminiscing of all the great memories they shared baking. It was suddenly clear, since Emma couldn't be here, they could open a bakery bring joy to all those around them in her name. And thus the idea of Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory, Ice Cream Shoppe, and Candy House was born and in October 2011, opened for business!

Since opening their doors, the Melanson Family has raised over



The Melansons have been chosen to be the Ambassador Family for the Mass. Chapter of the March of Dimes 2013 March for Babies. All proceeds from the "Emma Jean" cupcake will go to the March of Dimes. *Photo submitted.*

\$10,000 to support the March of Dimes and their mission. This has been done in several ways. First, at the shop, you will find a very special "cupcake" called the Emma Jean, which is an angel food cake, filled with real whipped cream, and topped with a purple forget-me-not. All proceeds for this cupcake are donated to the March of Dimes. Additionally, donations are accepted right at our store, or you can join their team and purchase a team t-shirt.

If you'd like to donate, please visit Emma Jean's at 115 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven. Want to join the team? Visit www.marchforbabies.org/sammieMarie; the event takes place on Sunday, June 23. The Melanson Family thanks you for your continued support in working together to help improve the health of babies and support families in need. ●●●



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From our readers

Random Acts of Kindness

I just wanted to share with your readers that the East Fairhaven School is doing random acts of kindness in honor of Principal Lucas who is retiring this year.

The third grade class collected a bunch of items from the Fairhaven Animal Shelter's wishlist and delivered them on Friday, 6/1.

Unfortunately I was not in the shelter at the time so I could not take a picture for you and personally thank these great kids and their very generous way of honoring a woman who means so much to them.

I still wanted to give a small shout out to them and their supporting teachers and staff for a job well done.

I don't know about you, but with all the politics, violence and crime that is so often in the news I find myself searching for the feel-good stories!

This should bring a little smile to our community as well as a great sense of pride!

*Cat Mindlin, Fairhaven
Animal Control Officer*

Fairhaven needs certified librarian

I write this as a school librarian in Dartmouth, current Area Director for the Massachusetts School Library Association, former children's librarian at the Millicent Library and resident of Fairhaven. I recently learned of the district's plan to eliminate the positions of school librarian at the middle school and high school in Fairhaven and am appalled. I have long known of the underfunding of the school libraries in Fairhaven, along with the beautiful, but unstaffed, elementary libraries. This new development is devastating for students and teachers in Fairhaven. I am positive the district will come to regret this decision if you go forward and I want to tell you why.

If the district eliminates the school library positions or fails to hire a certified school librarian as your instructional technology specialist at the high school you will lose access to state databases worth thousands of dollars (over \$43,000 per school). MBLC will not license Fairhaven schools to use these resources unless a certified librarian is in the school.

Your students will also have the unenviable position of having the least equipped school libraries on the

southcoast (despite having the best public library!).

Dartmouth and Westport middle and high school libraries are both part of the MassCat network, New Bedford and Fall River middle and high school libraries are both part of the SAILS network and the ORR district even has elementary librarians.

Both SAILS and MassCat make available over 1 million books from other libraries along with tech support for our circulation systems.

Fairhaven students will lose in terms of access to high quality fiction and non-fiction print and electronic resources; Fairhaven students will also miss out on important research instruction that sets them up for success in college and beyond.

School librarians do so much more than check out books (volunteers do this for me!).

Every day librarians like myself do one or more of the following:

- recommend books on a one-to-one basis to students
- choose new books and online resources (we have over 50 digital audiobooks and 100 e-books here at DMS thanks to our healthy budget!) based on professional reviews and knowledge of student interests
- manage the circulation system and add new books to the automation system
- co-teach research projects with teachers (including instruction on databases, citation, technology and copyright)
- instruct individual students on how to follow copyright law, avoid plagiarism, properly cite sources and use various technologies like iPads and apps/websites like Voicethread, Animoto and Glogster

Who will fill this role at Hastings or Fairhaven High?

In the end, we don't care what you call us: librarian, library teacher, media specialist, instructional technology specialist. Semantics aside, schools need the skills that librarians bring. I do hope that the district plans on hiring a certified librarian for the new role of instructional technology specialist at the high school.

I am grateful that as an employee of the Dartmouth school system I have an alternative and can send my children to the Dartmouth school

system instead of Fairhaven. I am devastated for the children of Fairhaven, many of whom I know very well from my time at the Millicent Library.

I would be interested in meeting with [the superintendent and school committee] to discuss this further. I sincerely hope that Fairhaven will choose to move forward and fund and staff its school libraries instead of move backwards.

*Laura Gardner, Fairhaven
Librarian, Dartmouth Middle School*
A slightly different version of this letter was sent to Fairhaven Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin and the Fairhaven School Committee

Officials need to shut down WTs

The recent release by the DEP [Mass. Department of Environmental Protection] of the results of the noise study conducted between November 9, 2012 through April of 2013 raise serious questions about the integrity of this state agency and the misinformation that was given to the town.

The DEP has told the town that they should consider mitigation in order to avoid a costly law suit. The DEP fails to mention that if the town does not shut the turbines down at night, this has the potential to lead to a costly law suit by victims seeking damages.

It is the citizens of Fairhaven who are the victims and the DEP has failed in its responsibilities to protect them. Our citizens should not become guinea pigs for the developer to experiment in different ways to achieve compliance. Thus the threat of law suits goes both ways.

Furthermore, why should residences be worried about a law suit from the developer when it is the developer who is not in compliance with the law? It is true, as stated in the Standard Times, that Falmouth shut the turbines down immediately; but the case in Fairhaven is different. One key difference that needs to be pointed out is that Falmouth owns the turbines and incurred a much greater financial loss because of this. Fairhaven would not incur this loss because it does not own the turbines.

The DEP is taking sides in this and that is wrong. They should remain neutral instead of pressuring the

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town to mitigate.

Last year, as you may recall, the DEP sponsored a forum in January of 2012 at the Hastings Middle School. In what they called a Panel of Experts, the DEP tried to reassure the town that there would be no problems because the noise levels would be way under the limits set by the state. Keep in mind that the use of the term Panel of Experts and the sponsorship by the DEP is all done to convey a message of authority and expertise. However what took place was that the DEP sponsored Panel of Experts Presentation reassured the community that there would be no problems. The results now prove that otherwise which has resulted in marginalizing victims in our community.

In November of 2012 the DEP found that the Industrial Wind Turbines were not in compliance but chose to wait for seven months and then finally in May 2013 they informed the town. I guess they just couldn't believe, or just couldn't admit that they had been wrong.

In the last testing that the DEP did in April of 2013 they found that noise levels at two locations were way over the 10 DB level of 10. Testing at Little Bay was 12.9 and on April 12 testing at Little Bay Road was at 11.0 and at Teal Circle it came in at 11.5. So three times in April testing showed they were not in compliance. These numbers were way above the 10DB Level. They knew they couldn't wait any longer; but now they want the town to mitigate and not shut the turbines down at night with their main argument being for the town to avoid a costly law suit. The law is on the side of the town and the victims and if anyone has a strong case for a law suit it is the victims but that is never mentioned.

On May 21, 2013, the DEP finally made their findings known. However before they informed the town they informed the developer so he had time to prepare a slide presentation to show why the testing is flawed. I guess if you know the results beforehand, you need to be ready to respond by discrediting the methodology used.

Keep in mind that in January 2012 when the DEP presented a Panel of Experts the developer was also at Hastings Middle School. The developer and the DEP had no issue with the noise given off by the

turbines. When the testing began in November the Developer had no problem with the methodology being used to conduct the testing. Now because the developer does not like the results, they want to change the methodology to get the results they need.

The DEP needs to do the right thing and shut these turbines down at night from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Fairhaven officials need to take action as soon as possible, so that those who have been victimized can get a good night's sleep.

Kenneth Pottel, Fairhaven

Developer willing to mitigate for sound

A lot of ink has been spilled over the past year regarding Fairhaven's wind turbines. Most stories and letters are prompted by the handful of residents who have objected to the turbines from the time they were first proposed and overwhelming supported by the Town in a Special Town Meeting. Much commentary has come from people who are not even Fairhaven residents. Presumed facts and numbers have been thrown around and many accusations have been made about different parties. Unfortunately, name calling and intimidation have meant that the majority of the community who continue to support the project have been cowed into silence.

Fairhaven Wind believes some of the positive facts should be put on the table as well. Over the first year of operation, over 5.8 million kilowatt hours were produced by the two turbines and sold to the Town. This power represents around 90% of the Town's expected municipal consumption for the year. While total production was less than projected for an average year, it was right on target based on the actual wind regime over the same time period. Even with this lower production, the Town managed to reap almost \$160,000 of benefits, resulting in an important contribution to the Town's bottom line. From an environmental standpoint, the emission free power reduced CO2 emissions by over 8,586,000 pounds, or the equivalent of removing almost 700 cars from our roads. The Town should be proud of what it has accomplished.

Fairhaven Wind does not ignore

the fact that there are complaints and we sympathize with those who are truly annoyed. We have tracked each of the complaints so that we can understand what conditions, wind speeds and wind directions are of primary concern. However, complaints have also included blame for pre-existing conditions (e.g., 2 years of headaches even though the turbines have operated for only one) and property values (although homes in the area have sold quickly at near the asking price). Over half of the complaints sent to the Board of Health and forwarded to us are from only 4 households, with 75% from just 10 households.

The so-called "exceedances" reported two weeks ago by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in its interim report have been embraced by the opponents as evidence the turbines are not performing as promised. In fact the opposite is true. So far, MassDEP's results show the turbines are operating consistently with the acoustic study funded by the state for the Town and a separate one done by Fairhaven Wind. Those studies — commonly accepted in industry and comparing similar metrics — said the turbines would not exceed a 10 dBA increase in noise. And that's exactly what MassDEP's data shows.

What is different is that MassDEP is using a scientifically flawed methodology to evaluate compliance. It's as if one compares low tide today with high tide after global warming — not the same measure so one cannot assess the cause. Essentially, the Town and Fairhaven Wind have been the subject of a bait and switch by the state. The standard being applied by the state to wind is not consistent with its own studies or with how the state permits other power plants. A coal-fired power plant with all of its emissions and noise sources would not have this burden if sited in Fairhaven.

Even with this flawed approach, and trying to pick nights when MassDEP thought the sound would be the worst, there were only 4 nights since August (and none in the summer months) when MassDEP could come up with a so-called "exceedance." Even with this flawed

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More from our readers

approach, no “exceedances” occurred in neighborhoods which contributed over one-third of the complaints to the Board of Health.

Fairhaven Wind could litigate MassDEP’s findings and there are many in the wind industry who wish we would. Our contract with the Town does not allow the Town to simply change the rules. The Board of

Health cannot impose new regulations without hearings, and MassDEP and the Department of Public Health have already weighed in that there are no direct adverse health effects from wind noise at the levels reported by MassDEP. However, rather than litigate, we’ve told the Town and MassDEP that we prefer to find a way to mitigate these few instances of

concern.

Now is the time to calm the rhetoric and look at things realistically. No one solution will make all parties happy. Fairhaven Wind is willing to come to the table. MassDEP has expressed its willingness to work with us. We hope the Town will do likewise.

*FAIRHAVEN WIND LLC
Gordon L. Deane*

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But more than anything, Dr. Baldwin pointed to the new accreditation report that noted “The exceptionally respectful and safe environment within the school community.”

Dr. Baldwin told the class of 2013 that their legacy was being role models for how to treat other human beings “and hold hope to this self-centered world that we currently live in.”

He said the caring and kindness they have displayed has literally brought many people to tears.

“Your legacy is how caring and kind you have been,” he said. “You sure left your mark on us, like tattoos on this town.”

Dr. Baldwin also wished them to become Frisbees, not boomerangs, as their generation is often called.

He told them that life goes in cycles and to enjoy the moments on top, but to know that commencement was a beginning, not an end.

“Don’t ever take anything for granted and most importantly be exactly who you have been, The kind and caring human beings that our world truly needs,” he told them. “It is our hope that we have left this mark on you.”

Jamaul Jones read a poem written by the poetry club that will be framed and placed in the rotundra on Homecoming weekend.

Principal Tara Quirk Kohler told students that although they would be Frisbees, she hoped they would go out, “gain knowledge and come back to give back.”

Ms. Kohler read off the scholarships as each student rose, announcing a grand total of \$2,597,930 in scholarship money, a new record.

The class officers presented the class gifts and School Committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler handed out diplomas, including to her son

Alex.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy’s daughter Erin also graduated on Sunday, getting a special hug from her dad who was on stage.

After the ceremony students and family milled around outside taking pictures and saying final good-byes.

Zachary Alferes said he felt good to be done with high school. His plans included taking Diesel Technology at New Bedford Voc-Tech. He said it was not easy to get through high school and his advice to anyone struggling was, “Keep going. Don’t give up.”

That sentiment was shared by Dakota Midgette, who said he felt “excellent” after graduating. He plans to attend Bristol Community College in the fall.

“Nothing’s easy,” said Mr. Midgette.

Madison Shields said she felt “absolutely” prepared for her chosen major of biology at Quinnipiac University to eventually become a pediatrician.

Valedictorian Eric Borges said he simply felt “ready. He will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the biomedical engineering field and wants to become a doctor.

Ashley Brown and Kay Mullen performed their famous chest-bump, something they did after basketball games this season. Ms. Brown is attending UMassD next year and Ms. Mullen is attending Eastern Connecticut University.

Jamaul Jones plans to attend UMass Lowell to major in music for sound recording technology.

He said he “absolutely” felt that FHS prepared him for his chosen field, but wishes he had taken things more seriously right from his freshman year.

“They definitely helped me, especially after I slacked a little,” said Mr. Jones. “The faculty here really cares.”

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