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Movie cancelled, but fun goes on



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Eager and patient attendees hang out on the grass at Livesey Park in Fairhaven waiting for the movie to start on Saturday, 7/27. Unfortunately, the driver for Funflicks of Attleboro never showed up. The company said he had a family emergency. The crowd, however, did not let that stop them from having fun. They enjoyed the bounce houses, games, food, and other activities, including free popcorn on a perfect night for being outside. *Photo by Beth David See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh my, where to begin?
How about with Fairhaven's own Gil Santos being inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame? (See page 10.) Pretty cool, huh? Bob Duarte would be proud. I admit, if not for Bob, my former, late sports guy, I probably wouldn't even know who Gil Santos is...I know, I know, I shouldn't admit that out loud.

Anyway, here's thinking about you, Bob!
I'd like to thank the conglomerate on the other side of the river for using its considerable resources to have an attorney tell our Board of Health to stop hiding behind executive session. Of course, the board kept referring to stuff that happened in executive session so no one knew what they were talking about anyway (page 20). Welcome to my world.

We have a new reporter this week. Alexandra Seigal covered School Committee for us and managed to make sense of it. (See page 13.) Be sure to tell her how much you love the Neighb News when you see her around town.
Now, about that movie, "The Way, Way Back." How utterly disappointing and disheartening. I should've known better than to mention it in my letter before seeing it. The story line is great, the acting superb, and it was filmed in Wareham. I SOOOOOO wanted to love this movie. But the insulting and degrading treatment of women as a big joke made me want to scream. The only reason I didn't walk out is because it was filmed in Wareham and I felt an obligation to see it through so I could critique the rest of it. I alternately think I should've walked out and then am glad I didn't, because it made me realize that the insulting stuff was not at all necessary. This movie could have easily made its point and been a good movie without all that degradation.

This is how it goes. The teenage boy who is having a difficult time at home finds a "man" to teach him how to be a man, since the mother's new boyfriend is a jerk. First lesson? How to degrade women. They go to the water slide and he's going to get a slide "with benefits." That means they put a teenage girl who's in a bikini in front of him. They make her step forward, then back, then "hold" (they say "hold" a lot) before she goes down the slide. And, of course, the camera is on her backside the whole time. She doesn't even need a face.

Then the new man who's supposed to teach our angst-ridden adolescent how to be a man goes down the slide in tandem with the boy. When the man hits the pool, he "accidentally" grabs the girl. It's all supposed to be funny.

Well, it isn't. There's nothing funny about violating someone's body. There's nothing funny about teaching boys that it's okay to violate women. And there's nothing funny about teaching women that they are supposed to take it with a smile.

We are never going to move forward and away from the way women are treated as long as this garbage is considered mainstream, funny and okay. Of course, any woman who doesn't laugh isn't a good sport, right? Any girl who feels bad about it has something wrong with her, right?

WRONG WRONG WRONG WRONG. It isn't funny. It isn't okay. Period.

The latest insult to women in the real world comes to us courtesy of the Iowa Supreme Court. They upheld their ruling that a dentist could fire his assistant because she was too pretty. He was worried that he would try to start an affair, even though she never even flirted with him. Can you believe that? Really, Iowa? Really? Why does he get a pass on controlling himself?

Why should SHE be fired? Why can't she just be herself? I'll tell you why. Because she's a woman, and women don't get to be themselves unless men approve. He, however, gets to be himself, even though he is a total ass who can't control himself and insults women by his very presence. I don't know why she'd want to work for such a dope in the first place.

These things are not isolated, they come from a culture that blames women for everything and lets men off the hook for their own behavior.

It's just so disheartening. How are we ever going to move forward and away from the way women are treated if this stuff keeps going on?

Until next week then....see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story about Andrew Cioper, we made a mistake on his age in the photo caption. He is 17 years old.

Fairhaven all-stars fall to stronger Whaling City



On Saturday July 27th, The Fairhaven/Acushnet Little League 8-year-old All Stars played the Whaling City All Stars at the Shaw Road Little League complex. LEFT: Tyler Chang of Fairhaven lets a fastball fly during Fairhaven/Acushnets All Star matchup with Whaling City. Whaling City went on to win the game by a score of 10-4. RIGHT: Connor Silva of Whaling City slides safely into 3rd with a stolen base as Nathan Roderiques of Fairhaven waits for a throw from his catcher. Photos courtesy of Bruce David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Selectboard: dock will remain public

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard told residents at its meeting on Thursday, 7/25, that the ramp at Union Wharf that had been taken over by the Harbormaster is open again to the public and will remain so.

Although the Seaport Council sent a letter to the town saying that it would not interfere with how the ramp is used, as long as it remained under town control, the Harbormaster removed the gate and his boat from the dock. The public now has access to launch boats or fish from the pier.

Harbormaster David Darmofal said that at the previous meeting he "saw the pain" that residents suffered from not being able to use the dock. A group of residents had researched the dock and found that Seaport Council money had been used on it and that the town's application had said it would be for public access. The letter from the council, however, said it would not tell the town how to use the dock, just that it could not turn it over to a for-profit company or a non-profit organization.

Resident Faye Bartling pressed Selectboard members to promise that the ramp would remain open to the public, since the letter left the possibility open that the dock could be blocked by "the town."

Selectboard chair Charles Murphy said that before the town received the letter from the Seaport Council, Mr. Darmofal had moved his boat and opened up access to the dock.

"This is the town," said Mr. Murphy, indicating the board members. "And we decided to keep it open."

But will you decide to close it again, asked Ms. Bartling.

"No," promised Mr. Murphy. "It would be a board vote."

In another matter involving the Natural Resources Department, the board granted Mr. Darmofal's request for him and Shellfish Warden/Assistant Harbormaster Timothy Cox to carry over comp time from last year beyond the 40 hours limited by the bylaws. After a long discussion where all three board members expressed concern about the move, the vote, nonetheless, went in Mr. Darmofal's favor, with only rookie member Geoffrey Haworth voting against it.

Mr. Darmofal said the extra hours generally come in May and June, with the end of the fiscal year being June 30, making it difficult to use up the comp time. He also said that he and Mr. Cox have to respond to a lot of emergencies, especially small oil spills that rack up the hours.

Selectboard members, especially Mr. Haworth, said it was a management issue and that Mr. Darmofal and Mr. Cox were not making use of their deputies enough.

Mr. Darmofal agreed that he could better manage his time and people, but that the situation still got away from him this year.

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, however, emphasized that the problem has happened year

after year.

"It's a weekly occurrence all year," said Mr. Osuch.

He also said it was a problem that Mr. Darmofal waited until after the fiscal year's books were closed to make his request.

Mr. Darmofal reiterated that the emergency hours come up on weekends and after hours and there are situations where he does not want to use the deputies. He said he did not want to use all the deputies' hours and then not have them available when he needed them.

"So I'm between a rock and a hard place," he said.

He said he did not disagree that he had to "come up with something better."

Mr. Osuch said it was a simple management problem and all they had to do was take days off.

"That's a coordination issue," said Mr. Osuch. "And some effort needs to be put into it."

He said this was the third year that the department had the same problem and they should not be allowed to carry over more than the 40 hours, just as other employees can only carry over so many vacation and sick days.

"You use it or you lose it," said Mr. Osuch.

"I think this is a bad precedent," said Mr. Haworth, adding that he did not want to "micromanage from this seat."

In the end the board voted 2-1, with Mr. Haworth dissenting, to allow the transfer this year, but that they will not allow it starting with FY14.

The board also heard from the school department's business manager Paul Kitchen, who questioned the recent policy that requires Mr. Osuch to approve all expenditures over \$1500, including the school department.

Mr. Kitchen said that Mr. Osuch had not delegated any of the tasks as required by Chapter 30B (Uniform Procurement Act) and that Mr. Osuch was not a certified procurement officer. Mr. Kitchen is certified.

The two men differed on whether or not department heads can solicit bids under Chapter 30B and if the new policy was compliant with that rule.

Backpack scare on Center Street?



Fairhaven police and fire were called to investigate this abandoned backpack on Center Street near the Unitarian Memorial Church on Thursday evening, 7/25. Town Hall custodian Frank Fostin said a woman told him about the backpack near a tree on the sidewalk about a block from town hall. A Selectboard meeting was in progress and the free concert had been moved inside because of the threat of rain. Mr. Fostin said the proper procedure was to call the police and let them handle it. Firefighter Ed Freitas and Lt. Silveira blocked Center Street at Green Street with the fire truck. They waited for a police sergeant until responding officer Andrew Quintin decided that the bag did not look threatening and he opened it. It contained a t-shirt and some other harmless items. *Photo by Beth David.*

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WI Breakfast Buffet

Sun., 8/4, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

Free Concerts

The Fairhaven Improvement Association's Summer Concert series continues on **August 1** when "Critical Mass" will entertain. "Captain Malibu, which played their debut on the auditorium stage due to a rain storm, will close the series on **August 8**.

The concerts are performed at 7 p.m. in front of the Town Hall on Center Street. These are events for young and old alike. Bring your chairs or blankets and be prepared to spend a pleasant evening enjoying the music and relaxing in a beautiful historic setting. Concerts are free and take place rain or shine. In the case of rain, the performance is moved into the Town Hall auditorium.

Teddy Bear Parade

The Millicent Library's 29th Annual Teddy Bear Parade will take place on **Wednesday, August 7th at 10 a.m. at the corner of Center and Walnut Streets** on the Unitarian Church lawn across from the library. The traditional parade concludes the 2013 Summer Reading Program, Dig Into Reading! Daisy D. Dots will once again paint faces before and after the parade.

Children and families will march with the Big Teddy Bear down Union Street to Our Lady's Haven to wave hello to the residents there before heading back on Center Street to picnic on the church lawn. The library will provide juice boxes and Teddy Grahams. Bring your own additional snacks, lunch, and drinks to enjoy. Rain moves the event indoors at the Town Hall Auditorium.

The Millicent Library's Youth Services Librarian, Ms. Jane, will be accepting reading logs on or before August 7th. Summer programs continue right up until Teddy Bear Parade Day, followed by a break until school starts.

Fall Storytimes will resume the first week of September. The library is

wheelchair accessible.

Jewelry Sale

Silpada Jewelry sale at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-999-4561 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, 8/2. Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven. Ask about golf tournament raffle tickets!

Art Exhibit

Join us for an intriguing exhibition of over 100 original artworks in a variety of mediums, all by local artists. Come to Art on Center, 15 Center Street in Fairhaven, on **Saturday, August 10th**. Check out the beautiful gallery and "classroom" spaces at Art on Center, make new art connections, and perhaps even take home an original piece of art!

Included in the exhibit are oil paintings, stained glass, handcrafted jewelry, fiber arts, pastel paintings, turned wood, leathercraft, watercolors, and more. **Doors open at 11:00 AM. Meet the artists in a fun, easygoing environment at the "Members' Mingle" from 4 to 6 PM.** You don't have to be a member to attend, but you will want to be before you leave. Light refreshments will be provided.

The exhibition runs through mid-September. Art on Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 AM to 6 PM, and is a federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information, call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org

Sock Hop & Bake Sale

Friday August 23, at 2:30pm Sock Hop & fundraising event/Bake Sale at Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Atria Fairhaven will be hosting a fundraising event to benefit the Alzheimer's Association's Annual Memory Walk. Enjoy live Entertainment with Chris Waters!

And on August 28, Pretty Things Summer Shopping Boutique 11am - 3pm. Looking for something unique? We will have something for everyone! Jewelry, wallets, handbags & accessories.

Farmer's Market

On the lawn of Fairhaven High School, corner of Main Street and Route 6, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Organic, locally grown foods, hand crafts. For more information contact ann.richard@gmail.com

Road Race Date Set

The 13th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race/Walk will be held on **Sun., 9/8 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Entry fee is \$15 prior to race day; \$20 day of race.** Visit www.JBRace.com to register or download a race form.

Cash prizes to top three male and female overall winners, \$100, \$75, \$50. Non competitive walk to take place concurrently with the race. All proceeds benefit the Curtis L. Lopes II Memorial Scholarship Fund at Fairhaven High School.

Contact race director Kathy Lopes for more information, 508-991-2194.

Mosquito Dunks

The Fairhaven Board of Health has a limited supply of "Mosquito Dunks" for Fairhaven residents. The dunks are donut-shaped biological mosquito controls for outdoor use around the house. Each dunk kills mosquitoes for up to 30 days or longer. They float on water while they slowly release mosquito larvicide that kills mosquito eggs before they can hatch.

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Bicycle Rides

Every Thursday through August the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee is sponsoring a bike ride starting at Fort Phoenix. This will be a family friendly ride led by members of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. Just show up at Fort Phoenix on Thursday at 6:00 PM. All rides will allow for an alternate ride for families.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Portuguese Feast

The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, aka the Portuguese Feast, will be held Aug. 1-4 at Madeira Field in New Bedford. Visit, <http://portuguese Feast.com/> for details

Book Signing & Free Movie

Authors of Spinner Publications' new book, *A Picture History of New Bedford, Volume 1 (1602-1925)*, will be on hand to sign books at "Spinner Loves New Bedford" book signing party at Gallery X, 169 William Street, New Bedford, on **Saturday, August 3 from 6 to 10 p.m.** The five authors, Joseph D. Thomas, Alfred H. Saulniers, Natalie A. White, Marsha L. McCabe and Jay Avila, will be available throughout the evening to sign limited edition cloth covered signed and numbered books as well as sturdy paperback books. The public is invited free.

Guests will enjoy light refreshments and entertainment at the festive "Spinner Loves New Bedford" book signing party. The event coincides with Gallery X's Swain School of Design Alumni Show.

A film, "**New Bedford Through the Years**," including never-seen-before vintage footage of New Bedford will also be shown at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Spinner Publications at 508-994-4564, visit www.spinnerpub.com or look up Spinner Publications on Facebook.

Lunchtime Stories

The New Bedford Whaling Museum's High School Apprentices invite parents and their children to join them this summer for **Lunch Time Story Time. On Tuesdays, 8/6 and 8/13** the apprentices will read stories that they created this summer.

Each week several new stories, which feature sea creatures, pets, adventure, friendship, cooperation and other positive themes, will be read by the apprentices. Once the stories have been read, children can participate in craft activities that relate to those stories.

Lunch Time Story Time takes place from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Whaling Museum's Jacobs Family Gallery, beneath our whale skeletons.

Stories are geared for ages 4-8. All **Lunch Time Story Time programs are free. Regular admission fees apply if you'd like to visit the galleries.**

Bring your lunch and let our kids read to your kids!

With more the 750,000 items in its collection, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling, and the history of New Bedford and the region. Cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum campus is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, encompassing a city block in the heart of New Bedford's historic downtown. The museum's 20 galleries of art and science exhibits are open daily and wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Row & Sail Relay

Rowers and Sailors needed for the Light the Bay Relay Sponsored by the Low Tide Yacht Club and the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club In Support of the Palmer's Island Lighthouse Restoration. Date: August 17th (Rain Date August 18th. Time: Registration at noon Race start at 2:00 PM. Place: Low Tide Yacht Club - Fort Taber New Bedford Entrance fee: 25.00/ person (After 8/11/13 \$30.00) Includes Dinner

Type of Sailing Craft: Laser, Sunfish or similar craft.

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HFHN Registration

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Give Blood, Get Soup

The Southcoast Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital has teamed up with Destination Soups to offer donors a delicious treat during the month of August. Anyone who donates blood at the Southcoast Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital, or at any of the community blood drives hosted by the Southcoast Blood Bank during the month of August, will receive a certificate for a free cup of soup or a mini grilled cheese redeemable at Destination Soups, 149 Union Street in New Bedford.

The Southcoast Blood Bank is in **urgent need of Type O blood.** Type O blood is used in emergency situations when the blood type of the patient is unknown. In the summer, people are more active which leads to an increased amount of bicycle, motorcycle, boating and pedestrian accidents. At the same time, blood donations are much lower during the summer months because so many people are on vacation or are busy with other summertime activities. As a direct result, Type O blood is at critically low levels and is in need of replenishment. As always, all blood types are welcome and are greatly appreciated at Southcoast.

The Southcoast Blood Bank is the only blood donation venue that directly supports the South Coast communities' blood supply.

Southcoast 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.

A blood drive will take place on **Thurs., 8/88**, at the Kennedy Donovan Center, 19 Hawthorn St., 8 a.m. to 1:30

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Nat'l night out

Acushnet will participate in National Night Out, a partnership between the Council on Aging and the Acushnet Police Association. The event will feature free live music, Wally the Green Monster, and a variety of family and kids' activities. The event will take place at **59 ½ South Main Street, at the COA on 8/6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Onset Blues Fest

Onset Bay Association is proud to announce its 21st annual Blues Festival will be held on Saturday August 3, from Noon-7 pm at the bandshell in Onset Village (Gates open at 11 am)

A spectacular line up has been arranged and is posted at www.OnsetBluesFestival.com

Now in its 21st year, the Onset Blues Festival is one of the longest running blues festivals in New England. Some of the most highly acclaimed blues acts vie for a chance to perform.

Are You A Wing Descendant?

The Wing Family of America is a non-profit group of Wing descendants from throughout the United States and Canada. The family, widow Deborah Bachilder Wing and four young sons: Daniel, Stephen, John and Matthew first established roots in the colony of Massachusetts in the 1630s and were some of the early founders of the Town of Sandwich. From Sandwich the family expanded throughout New England and eventually to all states and Canada.

The WFA maintains a museum in the Wing Fort House at 69 Spring Hill Road in Sandwich. This early homestead of Stephen Wing (1641) is the oldest house in New England owned and occupied continuously by the same family for over three centuries. It is now maintained as a museum and is open during summer months.

Each year in June, the Family holds a reunion. The 2014 reunion will be headquartered at the Cape Codder, Hyannis. Events will center on the Wing Fort House in East Sandwich, where family members will participate in Sandwich's 375th

anniversary celebration.

If you are a descendant of a Wing, you are encouraged to join the family association. Contact Jim Grasela, Assistant Curator for the Wing House, jgrasela@comcast.net, 508-998 8746.

Shark Presentation

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This is not just a feast of clams with all the trimmings; it is a dining event. The chowder and brown bread are served first. Ways and Means sponsors a bake sale and Friends will have for sale two Cats Meow collector's items illustrating Apponegansett Meeting House and Smith Neck Meeting House. **Clambake tickets are \$44 for adults and \$22 for children under 12.** For reservations call Anne Lopoulos at 508-994-5816. Accessible, 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road, Dartmouth.

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Submitted by Alice Cournoyer

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Gil Santos is Patriots Hall of Famer

By Beth David
Editor

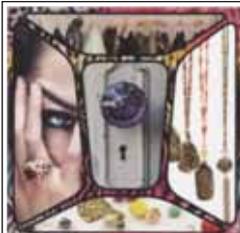
Along with New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi, Fairhaven native Gil Santos, who called the New England Patriots games for more than three decades, was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame on Monday, 7/29. The ceremony was free to the public and streamed live on Patriots.com.

According to a press release by the New England Patriots: "In 36 seasons behind the microphone, Santos skillfully articulated the sights, sounds and all the play-by-play action for 745 Patriots games, including

three Super Bowl Championships. Santos earned the moniker 'Voice of the Patriots' during a career that spanned five decades."



Gil Santos, Voice of the New England Patriots and Fairhaven native, was grand marshal of the town's Bicentennial Parade last year on July 8. Mr. Santos was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame on Monday, 7/29, in honor of his 36 years calling Patriots games. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*



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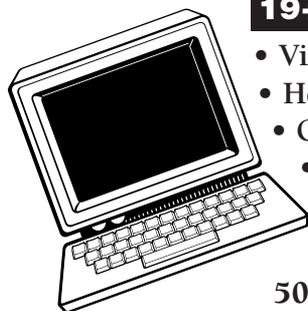
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Acushnet selectboard gives dibs to library; slams BPW

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Dibs on the old Acushnet Community Center building go to the Board of Trustees of the Russell Mills Public Library. The Acushnet Selectboard voted to make the option of relocation available to the library before any other options are considered.

Selectboard Member David Wojnar said he met with library Board of Trustee Chairperson Kristen Leotti who expressed an interest in possibly relocating the library to the old Marie S. Howard School which, according to the Town's original master plan, was called for with the use of available state grant funds.

According to Mr. Wojnar, trustees want to go back to that plan.

The critical needs of the old library building are still wheelchair accessibility and overcrowded space.

Mr. Wojnar urged the board to allow the trustees to "take a stab" at a "reasonable and potentially affordable option."

The library trustees were scheduled to meet this week.

Do not let the issue linger for very long, though, cautioned Chairperson Leslie Dakin, who again gave a bump toward utilizing the space for affordable senior housing.

"I think it's fair to give the library the first shot," he said, adding that senior housing could be a viable back-up plan.

Board member David Gaspar said the board has a responsibility to respect the voters' decision not to spend millions on a new library building, but to try to satisfy those residents "on both sides of the equation."

"We need to get something going. Time is of the essence," said Mr. Gaspar. "I don't want to see the

building empty for too long...That's when things start falling apart."

If the library decides not to relocate, or there is significant delay in the process, Mr. Gaspar suggested the board could grant the Community Center a nine-month lease to operate in the meantime. A resident has expressed willingness to volunteer his time and efforts to get the Center up and running again.

"We don't have to commit to anything long-term," said Mr. Gaspar.

In other business, the Mass. Employee Council filed a Charge of Prohibited Practice dated 7/17 against the Board of Public Works for failure to respond to several notices of intent to negotiate employee union contracts before they expire.

Selectboard members were not happy and they had some harsh words for the BPW.

Mr. Dakin called it "another administrative failure" on behalf of the BPW and feared this time it could affect the town financially.

"Personally, I feel they are not doing the job they were elected to do," said Mr. Dakin.

Mr. Wojnar advised the board to contact the Finance Committee to alert them to the matter, and alluded to a past incident when the actions of the BPW almost created a financial burden for the town.

Responsibility for contacting the BPW was handed over to Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, but Mr. Gaspar advised the board against allowing Mr. Coutinho to participate in contract negotiations, to which the board acquiesced.

"As town fathers it is incumbent upon us [to stress] that things need to be done more efficiently and professionally," said Mr. Dakin.

In other news, the Town is actively seeking to purchase power from alternative energy sources, most notably from solar power, and reviewed a sample request for proposal (RFP) document in preparation to move forward.

Mr. Wojnar, who sits on the Alternative Energy Committee, said it may not pan out that the Town will find solar power sources within Acushnet, although he spoke of several developers who are showing interest in building solar energy facilities. He said there is "no harm, no foul" in seeking out the best rates for the Town outside Acushnet and go with them.

Mr. Wojnar suggested possibly taking the conservative approach when seeking out rates, saying that going after one-percent below the current rate could be the way to go.

"[We are] not going to get the biggest savings, but you're not going to get fleeced in the process," said Mr. Wojnar.

The board approved the motion to develop a final RFP draft.

In other business:

- Mr. Coutinho reported that architects designing the new police station were able to further scale down the size of the building by reducing the size of the holding cells and eliminating one cell, but also providing for an expansion to the male and female locker rooms. The project should go out to bid in the fall.
- Rehabilitation of the exterior façade of the Parting Ways Building began, resulting in the discovery of several layers of lead paint. To save money, the Town will be undertaking the lead paint removal in-house.

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School Committee not happy with the solar-HMS deal

By Alexandra Siegel

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven School Committee showed aversion over issues in the reports and recommendations of the Superintendent on Wednesday's meeting, 7/24. From solar energy to the school food budget, committee members were not afraid to voice their discontent.

The Committee discussed a fact sheet on the solar panel project on the landfill that would supply electricity to the Hastings Middle School through a credit from NStar.

Many of the facts and details seemed to get a little lost in translation. However, amidst the jumbled jargon of kilowatts and energy generation, one thing was clear: several members of the school committee remained unconvinced that they were getting the best bang for their buck.

Revolution Energy financed and owns the solar energy system on the town's landfill. The town has an agreement to buy all the power the array produces from Revolution Energy. The town will then be credited by NStar for the amount of that energy and the credit will be used for electricity at the Hastings Middle School, which is adjacent to the site.

The deal should save the town money, as the amount they town is paying Revolution Energy is less than what the town would pay NStar. However, the town has to buy the electricity as it is produced, meaning on some months it is buying more power than it is using.

SC members also said the agreement was made without their input.

"It would have been nice to be asked to the dance before I was taken out," said SC member David Gonsalves.

The Selectboard negotiated the contract and chose the developer.

SC chairperson Pam Kuechler said she wanted to know if the SC had the ability to decline the offer.

"Are we able to make that decision

because it is theoretically our budget," asked Ms. Kuechler.

Mr. Monroe continued on lengthening the lists of grievances stating that the selectboard was overstepping its bounds again.

"I think this is a part of the problem, that we've been roped into something that we never signed up for," said Mr. Monroe.

"Bottom line, this is a contract through the selectmen's office," Mr. Gonsalves stated, "do they have the legal standing or footing to choose us if we don't want to be chosen?"

Fairhaven Schools Business Administrator Paul Kitchen responded "no."

After further discussion the committee decided to table it until

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both a representative of the company and a member of the selectboard could attend a meeting.

The SC also had concerns about the Fairhaven Recreation Center's Kool Kids After School Program. The Rec Center is scheduled to hold a new after-school program in the elementary schools this fall, from the end of school until 5 p.m.

"They are helping us by providing this [after school program] on site," said Mr. Monroe.

However, some of the committee members were not swayed by the program's convenience and instead were turned off by the pricing structure. According to the program's flyer, children who are not members of the recreation center will be charged a higher fee to attend the program, even though it is taking place in the elementary school.

Despite agreeing that it would be a good service, some SC members disagreed with the different rates.

"I'd be more comfortable if one price was offered across the board; not saying it's not a good organization," said Mr. Gonsalves. "I am a little uncomfortable having someone come in offering different rates to our children,"

With no solution in sight, Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin asked if it would be acceptable for the school department to talk to the recreation department over their concerns, and the SC tabled the discussion.

The money talk continued with the SC discussing food-service budget scenarios. According to an email explanation from Gail Oliveira, District Manager of Chartwells School Dining, Fairhaven Public Schools are below the federal government's rate suggestions.

The email stated that the weighted average lunch in the 2013 Food-service budget was \$2.38. The USDA's Paid Lunch Equity Pricing allows lunch to cost \$2.59. The committee members were presented with three budget options. They could chose to increase the price to \$2.50 for all age levels and remain slightly under the weighted average, increase the price to \$2.50 for elementary students, and \$2.75 for high school or allow for no price increase and deal with the issue next year.

With all federal regulations and mathematics aside, the committee members seemed focused on one thing: the mystery surrounding who's actually getting the extra money?

"Its not bigger portions, not better portions, we're not having waiters with bowties serving it to the kids; none of our costs to feed the child has gone up, so if we went up a dime, I am still not sure where that dime went," Mr. Gonsalves said. "If we are going to raise the prices we ought to be getting something out of it."

The committee will vote on it at their August 14th meeting. ●●●

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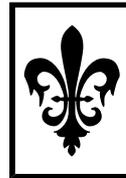
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Still a fun time at the movie night that wasn't

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's movie night at Livesey Park turned into an everything-except-the-movie night when Funflicks of Attleboro did not show up with the big, inflatable screen.

The crowd, however, still had fun starting at 6 p.m., with children playing in the two bounce houses, getting their faces painted, playing lawn games, watching skate-board-park demonstrations and chomping on free popcorn. All activities were free and sponsored by the town's various improvement associations. Hot dogs and beverages were also available for purchase and DJ Johnny Angel played some oldies.

Organizer Wayne Oliveira said that he had been in touch with the company in the afternoon and fully expected the driver to show up. As the 8:15 screen time got closer, Mr. Oliveira made periodic announcements telling people that they were just running late.

People waited in their lawn chairs on a beautiful, warm and clear night that had just enough breeze to keep the mosquitoes away.

Then it became obvious that the screen was not going to get there. At 8:45 p.m., realizing that it takes about a half-hour to set up, Mr. Oliveira cancelled the event.

The driver never showed.

Rhonda, the owner of Funflicks posted an apology on Facebook that said the driver had a "critical family emergency. We feel terrible for all of the families that were out to see us again."

In a phone interview, Rhonda said

that the company has done about 1300 rentals over the last three years and this is the first time this has ever happened. She said the driver should have called to say he could not make it, but he did not. By the time they realized he was not going to get there, it was too late to send the back-up truck.

"We had a tech enroute who called another tech to say he was 10 minutes away," she said. "But he was in middle of a family crisis, but didn't call anyone."

She said she would not disclose an employee's personal issue.

Mr. Oliveira said that the second tech was at the park and had been talking to the driver who suddenly became unavailable. Mr. Oliveira said it was unacceptable that the driver did not explain that he would not be there.

"Short of being in an accident and being knocked unconscious, there's no reason not to make a phone call," he said.

He confirmed that the company refunded the money and promised to provide the equipment next year for free.

"We focus on quality, and customer service is very important to us," said Rhonda. "We want everyone to have a successful event. This has never happened before."

Mr. Oliveira said the crowd was very understanding.

"The feedback from the



crowd was definitely positive," he said. "People said 'I got to spend time with my kid in the park, they spent time in bubble bounce.'"

He said the irony was that the weather was perfect. With all the rain we have had this season, he was sure that the weather would be the biggest problem.

"Out of everything that could've gone wrong, that was the last thing I would've expected," said Mr. Oliveira.



TOP RIGHT: CJ Murphy (left) and Gregory Centeio (right) give Owen Centeio a lift during the festivities of the movie night that wasn't at Livesey Park on Sat., 7/27. The evening included lots of free fun besides the movie that didn't run when the screen company didn't show up. MIDDLE RIGHT: Avah Carvalho enjoys some free popcorn. ABOVE LEFT: Mac the dog gives Jacob Swift a kiss at the Livesey Park skate park. ABOVE RIGHT: Children enjoy the bounce house. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Bella Vista project shut down by Mass. DEP

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Work on Bella Vista Island has been shut down as per a Mass. Department of Environmental Protection enforcement order dated 7/19, except for the removal of some stones from a staging area. As a result of that action the Fairhaven Conservation Commission voted on 7/29 to rescind their enforcement order dated 12/19/11 against property owner Heiam Alsawalhi without prejudice for various violations to the order of conditions. Rescinding the enforcement order releases the matter from the court and the town will no longer need to take action against the owners.

In a letter to the DEP dated 6/25, ConCom Chairperson Joe Taylor described a slew of violations that he and Wetlands Specialist John Rockwell observed during a 6/16 onsite visit and requested that the DEP take over.

"...I stated to Mr. Rockwell that this is so far out of control and is beyond the scope of a part time conservation board," wrote Mr. Taylor. "Mr. Rockwell agreed with me, and his comment to me was 'you need to get someone in here to take a good look at the plans of record and compile all of the inconsistencies in this project.'"

The letter also cites the cause of the pollution of Round Cove, which was closed for quahogging during the height of this year's season, as the property owner's failure over time to dredge the opening of the causeway to the required level of -4.3.

"We are hoping that the [DEP] takes this request very seriously," wrote Mr. Taylor. "The commission is afraid that a message is being perceived by the public that in the Town of Fairhaven you can do what you want and just pay a little fine because Conservation Commission has no authority to make you stop."

Mr. Taylor's letter asks the DEP to go beyond issuing a fine, saying that a fine will not be sufficient since the applicant "has in the past and continues to ignore the commission's Order of Conditions."

He asks that the owners be required to "correct what they did wrong and let the land stabilize," including removing part of the stone wall they built and some plantings.

The six-page DEP enforcement order issues a cease and desist order and threatens a \$25,000 per day fine if work continues. It also requires the owner to erect erosion control, remove stones from the staging area, and grade to preexisting conditions and seed. "The addition of loam or any other soil material is not allowed," reads the order.

Bella Vista was listed on the 7/29 agenda for a request to amend an order of conditions, but no one representing the property owner; the ConCom voted to continue until 8/12.

In other matters, the ConCom granted 5 Washburn Avenue a certificate of compliance after Wetlands Specialist Lenore White told the commission that the property owner

In a letter to the DEP, ConCom Chairperson Joe Taylor described a slew of violations that he and Wetlands Specialist John Rockwell observed ...and requested that the DEP take over.

appears to have rectified several run-off and drainage issues that have had neighbors concerned since the start of the project.

"At this point I'm satisfied," said Ms. White, adding that there should be no further run-off problems as a result of the construction.

Also during the meeting, the commission ordered an onsite visit and continued the public hearing for a notice of intent for applicant Dave Hebert of Earl's Marina who is seeking to install a new wave fence, also called a wave attenuator, which will require dredging of about 1,700 cubic yards of sediment.

The filing is a duplicate filing from back in 2005, which was originally approved by ConCom. That filing was delayed because Mr. Hebert was required to fulfill a wetlands restoration project, but a mitigation area could not be found at the time.

Mr. Hebert has since settled on a site, and will be restoring a saltmarsh at the end of Cottonwood Street.

Mr. Hebert cannot receive Chapter 91 approval for his latest project until ConCom first approves the plan for the new wave fence.

Mr. Taylor expressed concern over the smell that could result from the dredging. He advised Mr. Hebert to devise a plan to mitigate the smell that people in the area would most likely complain about.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Hebert if a two-week postponement would be detrimental to the project, to which his representative replied no.

"It looks pretty straightforward," said Mr. Taylor, "but we need a little bit of time to absorb all of it (the plan)."

Six notices of intent filed by NSTAR for the development of six properties located on Thompson Street, Doane Street, and Farmfield Street were continued until 8/12, as was a request for determination for Joseph Batista of 32 Nakata Avenue for wetland line verification for a percolation test.

Also continued, until 9/9, was the request for determination for the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust for the construction of a walking path on the west side of Sconticut Neck Road.

In other business the commission:

- Approved a perc test for Arthur and Carol Traub, 8 Nonquitt Avenue, and also the construction of a two-car garage.
- Approve Magali Carrera Revocable Trust of 76 Weeden Road for a 12 by 12-foot deck.
- Granted Robert Baccelli of 29 Mangham Way approval to build a concrete foundation for a shed.
- Approved Karen Goodhue of 345 Bridge Street to perform test pits to replace a septic system.
- Granted Bradley and Melanie Stone of 84 Fort Street permission to remove 20 feet of their existing lawn and replace it with sand, beach grass, and indigenous shrubs.
- Alan Hopwood of 1 Bayberry Street was granted permission to repair an existing licensed coastal revetment that is badly deteriorated.
- The commission approved the verification of the wetland line for Brahmin Leather of 77 Alden Road.

Fairhaven to share nearly \$900,000 with Middleborough

By Beth David
Editor

State, federal and local officials from Fairhaven and Middleborough held a press conference on the steps of Fairhaven town hall on Monday, 7/29, to announce the granting of \$894,657 in Community Development Block Grant funds. Partnering with each other, the two communities received extra points for their combined projects, giving them an edge in the highly competitive grant process.

The money will be used to rehabilitate four houses in each town as well as roadway, sidewalk, drainage and water improvements on Elliot Lane in Fairhaven; and roadway and sidewalk improvements on Sproat and Park Streets in Middleborough.

Fairhaven Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth, playing emcee for the event said that the town has taken CDBG funds in the past and “turned

them into amazing infrastructure projects.”

“I can’t say enough about this program,” said Mr. Haworth, noting that the funds were “hard to come by...I know this town is very thankful.”

Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Aaron Gornstein said the \$31 million funds that were awarded throughout the state “will make cities and towns across the commonwealth more livable.”

He also said that the grants “spur the local economy. For every \$1 in CDBG money, a local community gets \$3.50.

Housing and Urban Development regional director Barbara Fields emphasized that the federal funds for the program are in jeopardy.

“In New England we know what to do with the money,” said Ms. Fields, adding that the trouble in Washington

is that they don’t like these projects in other parts of the country.

Leilani Dalpe, Middleborough selectboard member said the idea of partnering with Fairhaven gave the towns “more bang for the buck” because of the pooling of resources and sharing of



ABOVE: Middleborough selectboard member Leilani Dalpe addresses the crowd on Monday, 7/29, in front of Fairhaven town hall. Officials announced the awarding of \$894,657 in Community Development Block Grant funding to be split by the two towns. BELOW: Fairhaven Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth addresses the crowd. Photos by Beth David.

administrative, engineering costs, etc.

She said Middleborough is aggressively working on its infrastructure and downtown area and the funds will help for attracting businesses downtown

“You should watch for Middleborough, we’re going to be on the map,” she said and laughed, saying that Middleborough literally is not on the state’s tourism map.

She promised that would change. Other officials at the event included Bill Straus, State Rep. for Fairhaven; Keiko Orrall, State Rep. for Middleborough; Mike Murray representing state Senator Mark Montigny’s office; John Knowlton, Middleborough Selectboard member.



Budryk clashes with Fostin again

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Planning Board member Frank Budryk clashed with building inspector Wayne Fostin and health agent Patricia Fowle over work he is doing at the Polish Manor Inn and the restaurant attached to it.

Ms. Fowle said that Harbor Mist at the Polish Manor Inn is not listed as a restaurant and that Mr. Budryk only has permits for re-selling food that is commercially prepared off site. He is not even allowed to heat it up.

Mr. Fostin said that Mr. Budryk had a permit to repair a wall that was damaged in one of the winter storms, but that he was doing much more extensive work, including installing a stove, with a hood and sinks, etc.

Mr. Budryk said that is simply not true. He said after the wall is repaired, he will submit plans to expand his cafe to become a full restaurant.

“The thing that’s being down now is that wall,” said Mr. Budryk. “When that’s done, we have plans we’re drawing up right now showing a stove, with a hood, a larger sink...”

He said he was not shut down, the work has not stopped, and the cafe is open.

Ms. Fowle said she explained to him that the cafe cannot serve hot food because he would have to use his personal kitchen in the inn. He needs a commercial space, with commercial equipment to serve food.

Meanwhile, Mr. Budryk said people are able to take the food outside on

paper plates and he is serve a Polish lunch.

“We’re doing what she she said we need to do,” said Mr. Budryk.

Ms. Fowle said the Board of Health issues are “easily done,” but the building issues were another problem, another department.

Mr. Fostin said he received a tip that Mr. Budryk and his contractor, Appeals Board member Jaime DeSousa, were working outside the scope of their permit.

“That’s a bunch of crap,” said Mr. Budryk. “It’s just Wayne being Wayne.”

The two have a history of clashing over the years over building issues and conservation issues.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the fol-

lowing application:

1) **Special Permit Application:** The Applicant, 111 Huttleston, LLC, is requesting a Special Permit to construct a 6,684 SF building comprised of a 167 seat restaurant with patio seating and 1,689 SF Butcher Shop with associated parking and landscaping. Per Chapter 198-27.A.4, a waiver has been requested to reduce the parking requirement and allow 89 parking spaces to be used between the proposed building and existing

Emma Jean's business. The location is 111 Huttleston Avenue, Map 25, Lots 86 and 241.

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

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Board of Health lifts shut-down order on wind turbines

By Beth David
Editor

With a confusingly written legalese-ridden motion that left most people scratching their heads, the Fairhaven Board of Health on Tuesday night lifted the order that shut down the industrial wind turbines on Arsene Street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In a packed banquet room, with pro-wind supporters outnumbering anti-turbine residents, as evidenced by the "Friends of Fairhaven Wind" t-shirts, the BOH met in open session with town counsel Thomas Crotty. Previous meetings had been held in executive session, although the reasons for that were suspect. According to news reports, the Standard-Times attorney sent a letter questioning the validity of the use of executive session to discuss the mitigation plan by the developers.

Testing by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection found the turbines to be too noisy during certain wind conditions and the BOH ordered them to be shut down at night pending creation of a mitigation plan.

On July 1, Fairhaven Wind LLC, the developer on the project, submitted a mitigation plan that included shutting down the turbines during certain wind conditions, feathering the blades differently, and shutting off one of the turbines, according to Mr. Crotty, who explained the motion in an interview after the meeting.

The motion, which was made by Jeannine Lopes, was seconded by BOH chair Peter DeTerra. The two voted for the measure, Barbara

Acksen voted against it.

Dr. Acksen said she wanted to have independent verification by a consultant who was an expert in sound that the claims made by FWLLC were true and that their mitigation strategy actually will bring the turbines into compliance.

"We need to have someone to help us," said Dr. Acksen. "We don't have any data to verify the motion....so as far as I'm concerned, we're back at square one."

However, when the next motion, to appoint Mr. DeTerra to explore ways to finance hiring a consultant was made, Ms. Acksen voted against that also.

She explained after the meeting that her intent was not to vote against getting a consultant

"It removed any incentive for the developer to pay for the consultant," said Dr. Acksen. "And with the election coming up, we don't know what will happen here."

According to the draft mitigation plan submitted by FWLLC, testing in June found that it could reduce the noise by 2-4 decibels by simply shutting down one turbine. Since the violations never exceeded 2.9 dBs, the conclusion is that they will be in compliance if the noise is reduced by this amount. State law requires that the turbines not exceed 10 decibels above background noise.

The turbines were found to be out of compliance on five occasions between midnight and 4 a.m. in

The Motion

This is the motion passed by the Fairhaven Board of Health on 7/30:

"Subject to further testing and verification, the operation of the two turbines in compliance with the specific terms set forth in the Fairhaven Wind mitigation plan dated July 1, 2013 shall be deemed sufficient to abate the nuisance resulting from the violation of 310 CMR 7.10:2 and that the terms of that mitigation plan be incorporated into the amended order.

"And that the remaining provisions of the original order are revoked and that this amendment is without prejudice to such further orders as the Board deems appropriate from time to time to protect public health including but not limited to orders respecting compliance with 310 CMR 7.10."

November and April.

The plan also suggests feathering the blades and cutting the speed of the blades during certain wind conditions when the turbines exceeded the decibel level.

The plan says that the changes should reduce levels by 1.8-3.6 dBA (A-weighted decibels).*

In other business, Health Agent Patricia Fowle told the board that West Nile Virus had been found in mosquitoes in Bristol and Plymouth Counties. She urged residents to get the free mosquito dunks for their properties before they are all gone.

See the plan at www.NeighbNews.com

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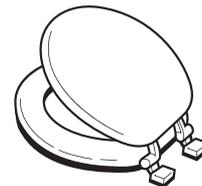
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Mr. Kitchen's main complaint seemed to be that Mr. Osuch had not delegated certain tasks and so the town was not compliant with Chapter 30 B.

Mr. Osuch said he was following the board's policy and they could change it if they wanted to go back to the way it was.

"You as a board asked me to do it. It's not different than any other task," said Mr. Osuch, adding that it was in response to concerns by the town accountant. "It's up to you."

The board will discuss the matter at their 8/8 meeting after getting more information from the state Inspector General's off and the town account/treasurer.

In other business the board:

- Appointed Detective Pamela Bourgault to provisional sergeant for three months, while another sergeant recovers from an injury.
- Voted to allow the harbormaster's office to hire an intern that will be paid for by Cape Cod Community College. The intern will help with mapping mooring fields, researching an upweller program and other tasks.
- Appointed Todd Cox Assistant Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden. Mr. Cox is the son of Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox, and the move was cleared with the state Ethics Commission.
- Voted to publicize a request for proposals for a town counsel search.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/12, Arsene St., 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm

Thurs., 8/1, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 8/7, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 8/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs., 8/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 8/5, COA, 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 8/14, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/12, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday	7	0859	2109	0234	1428
Thursday	8	0936	2146	0307	1509

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

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and no one can say I just decided to ignore it."

Ms. Conway, however, said she is being singled out and that there are other buildings in Fairhaven with similar designs on their buildings.

She accused Mr. Fostin of frivolously using the taxpayers money and said she never had these problems in Whitman.

"In the town of Fairhaven, every single thing I try to do is met with opposition based on a town employee who has more jurisdiction and continues to spend taxpayer dollars," said Ms. Conway.

40-50 bikes turn out for Jimmy Holmes annual motorcycle run

By Beth David
Editor

The threat of rain scared off some, but about 50 motorcycles turned out on Sunday for the sixth annual Jim Holmes Memorial motorcycle run. The pig roast had a full house under the roof at the VFW in Freetown.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Jim Holmes Scholarship Fund, which awarded six students with \$500 each this year. Mr. Holmes, who was Fairhaven Planning Board member and was chair of the Board of Appeals, died from cancer on 8/29/07.

Dot Holmes, Jim's wife of 28 years, said that the scholarship committee looks for students who are contributing to their communities are most likely to "pay it forward."

With 59 applicants this year, she said it was not easy to choose. Students had to write an essay about their community service and their continuing commitment to their communities.

"We look for community volunteerism," said Ms. Holmes. "That little something" that will make an impact.

Chelsea Anderson, who plans on majoring in Civil Engineering, said she hopes to help out her hometown

of Wareham, "because Wareham is in bad shape," she said.

Kendall Chandler said she wanted to become an elementary school teacher to have an impact on young children.

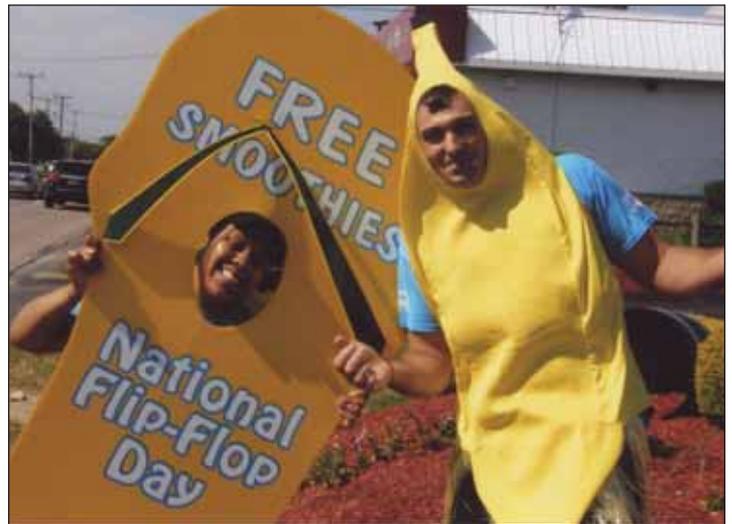
"It's the most important years of your life," said Ms. Chandler. She said her second grade teacher, Mrs. Poyant, changed her from being "fearful" of going to school, to wanting to go to school.

The event also included raffles for an acoustic guitar, remote controlled helicopter, wine and food baskets, gift certificates and a 50/50 raffle.



Recipients of this year's Jim Holmes Scholarships pose for a photo on Sunday, 7/28, with Dot Holmes, Jim's wife, after the motorcycle run and pig roast at the VFW in Freetown. L-R: Dot Holmes; Cheyanna Vieira, Global Learning Charter Public School, pursuing early childhood education and business at Fisher Junior College; Robert Haines III, Westport HS, pursuing mechanical and marine engineering at UMassD; Chelsea Anderson, Wareham HS, pursuing a degree in civil engineering; Danielle Trahan, Fairhaven HS, pursuing nursing degree at Colby-Sawyer College; Mariah Terry, Westport HS, pursuing broadcast journalism at Emerson College; and Kendall Chandler, Fairhaven HS, pursuing elementary education and psychology at Bridgewater State University. Not pictures, Peter DeTerra, Jr., Fairhaven HS, pursuing a business finance degree at N.E. Tech. *Beth David photo.*

Fairhaven Tropical Smoothie raises funds for Camp Sunshine



Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Fairhaven held a fund-raising event on June 21, National Flip-Flip Day, to benefit Camp Sunshine in Maine, a retreat for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. From 2-7 p.m. on 6/21, patrons only needed to ask for a Jetty Punch Smoothie that they would receive for free. The money they would have spent on it went to the camp, courtesy of the Fairhaven franchise and the corporate office. Franchise owner Karyn Ferreira estimates that the store rang up about 700 Jetty Smoothies that day. The restaurant also sells paper flip flops and flip flop key fobs to benefit the camp as an ongoing fund-raiser. The key fob gives patrons 10% off all purchases until the end of the year, with that 10% being donated to the camp by Tropical Smoothie. LEFT: L-R back row, Rachael Lincoln, Shawn Arruda (front row) Trinity Ferreira Martin and Rylee Mello promote fund-raising at Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Fairhaven on 6/21/13, National Flip-Flip Day. The restaurant's fund-raising on that day added up to more than \$3,000 for Camp Sunshine in Maine, a retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. RIGHT, L-R: Morgan Tavares and Daniel Lima dress up as a flip-flip and a banana to promote the free smoothie event that raised money for the camp. *Submitted photos. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Fairhaven Fire trains to rescue from Wind Turbines

Fairhaven Fire Press Release

Fairhaven Firefighters conducted rescue training inside one of the Town's two wind turbines from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon on Thursday, 7/25

Each member of the rescue crew climbed the 280' ladder to the generator room located at the tip of the turbine. The purpose of the training was to learn how to get workers out should one of them become injured or ill while conducting general maintenance on the turbines.

Firefighters worked with employees of Genesis Energy to review safety procedures, learn how to disable power during an emergency, and practice making the climb to the various levels of the turbine and lower a disabled worker down to ground level.

Firefighters and Paramedics from the Fairhaven Fire-EMS consisted of Lt. /Training Officer Todd Correia, Lt. Wally Therrien, Full-Time Firefighter/

Paramedic Wayne Oliveira, Joy Nichols, Josh Benoit and Erik Johnson as well as Call Firefighters Nick Oliveira, Steve Foster, Jonathan Cox and Shawn Grajales.

Fairhaven has two wind turbines in town and periodically workers must do routine maintenance of the electrical system, generators and wiring. Fairhaven Fire-EMS would be responsible for handling any emergencies that arise at the site.



Fairhaven firefighters Erik Johnson (left) and Paul Correia (right) get instructions from Genesis Energy technician Able Perez on how to lock the ladder system to prepare to make the 280-foot climb inside the tower of one of the industrial wind turbines on Arsenale Street. If there is ever a medical emergency among workers inside the tower, it will be the responsibility of the Fairhaven Fire Department to respond. *Submitted photo.*

Mother & daughter arrested after stealing car in Fairhaven

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Just after 11 a.m. on Friday, 7/26, a minor motor vehicle accident occurred near the entrance to the Ocean State Job Lot parking lot in Fairhaven. Both involved vehicles pulled into the parking lot to exchange information for insurance purposes. While the operators were outside their vehicles speaking with one another, a mother and daughter stole one of the vehicles and drove away with it.

The vehicle was equipped with a Lo-Jack tracking device, which helped in locating it less than one hour later by New Bedford and State Police in the parking lot of Empire Loan on Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford.

While law enforcement officials were watching the vehicle at Empire Loan, they observed 53-year-old Rhonda Stone and her 23-year-old daughter, Devyn Stone, exit the store and walk away from the scene. Video surveillance that was later reviewed determined that they were the two individuals who arrived there in the stolen vehicle, which is described as a 2003 Lexus ES300.

The vehicle was towed back to the Fairhaven Police Station where it was processed for evidence by the Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Inside the vehicle was found a

plastic bag filled with jewelry, along with loose pieces of jewelry that was scattered on the floor. Fingerprints were also successfully lifted from the interior of the car. Detectives retrieved jewelry from Empire Loan that the Stones had pawned. When comparing the pawned jewelry with the jewelry found inside the car, investigators matched a single earring from the car with a single earring that had been pawned by the Stones.

Rhonda and Devyn Stone were tracked to the Huttleston Motel in Fairhaven where they had been renting a room. When Fairhaven Detectives knocked on the door of the rented room, it was opened by Devyn Stone, who answered the door with a hypodermic needle and syringe in her hand. Devyn's mother, Rhonda Stone, was sitting on one of the beds in the room also with a hypodermic needle and syringe in her hand. Both women were taken into custody without incident.

Police seized several hypodermic needles, along with a brown powdery substance believed to be heroin from the motel room. Police also recovered a plastic zip-lock baggie that contained several pieces of jewelry. The Stones are suspected of breaking into a residence and stealing the jewelry after stealing the car.

Rhonda Stone has been charged with receiving stolen property valued at over \$250, larceny of a motor vehicle and knowingly being present where heroin is kept. Devyn Stone has been charged with receiving stolen property valued at over \$250, larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of heroin. Fairhaven Police were assisted in this case by members of the Bristol County South Coast Anti Crime Task Force, the New Bedford Police Department and the Mass. State Police.

The location of the residence that was allegedly burglarized by the Stones has not been determined. Anyone with information about a potential break is asked to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.



Police have charged Rhonda Stone (left) and her daughter Devyn with allegedly stealing a car as the driver was exchanging information with another driver after a minor accident in Fairhaven. The two also face drug charges and are suspected of stealing jewelry and pawning to buy heroin. *Police mug shots submitted.*

Letters from our readers

Scout appreciates the Neighb News

My name is Dereck Goff. I am in Boy Scouts Troop 55 Fairhaven. I am working on my Communication Merit Badge and one of the requirements is writing to an editor. That is the reason I am contacting you. I would like to thank you for all you do in covering Fairhaven and surrounding communities.

You are always at the parades, ceremonies and special events taking many pictures for the newspaper. I always see you smiling and talking with everybody, which is really nice to see.

Congratulations on a job well done, and I look forward in seeing the paper each week.

Dereck Goff, Fairhaven

CDBG money is welcome in this neighborhood

We are one in a neighborhood which will be benefiting from the Community Development Block Grang announced on Monday (see page 18). Elliot Lane will be paved, drainage issues will be corrected, and curbs and sidewalks will be upgraded.

We have waited a long time to have our street taken care of and would like to thank Bill Roth for his hard work and dedication to our community. We were invited to and attended a few neighborhood rorums on the proposed grant throughout the past few years and we realized how much planning goes into these improvements.

Bill listened and heard our questions and concerns regarding this project. He addressed each question and kept us up to date. He is dedicated, efficient, patient and we are fortunate to have him as Fairhaven's Planning Director. We would also like to express our appreciation to all involved for their commitment to these Community Grants.

Bernadette & Arthur Costa, Fairhaven

Community and students are owed an apology

Each morning the elementary students in Fairhaven recite: "I am a Peace Builder. I pledge to praise people, to give up put downs, to seek wise people, to notice and speak up about hurts I have caused, to right wrongs, to help others, I will build

peace at home, at school, and in my community each day."

From a recent *Standard-Times* article, "Book Closed This Year on Fairhaven Summer Reading Complaints" it's obvious that certain administrators and school committee members need to be reminded of the values our teachers are trying to instill in the minds of our children.

In 2011 the ONLY book assigned to the eight graders was "Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. A parent, who was concerned that there was no alternate book assigned, contacted the school. In a knee-jerk reaction the book was immediately replaced by another single title.

Cut to 2012, the summer reading list contains a ridiculous 45 titles for the 6th-8th graders. Included on the list was the original "Diary" book that prompted the concern.

This summer, after a long battle by the concerned parent, the 2013 list is a reasonable 17 titles, with the "Diary" included.

In the article Principal Wayne Miller of Hastings Middle School did "not say exactly what effect (the parent) and her protests had on the reading lists, saying it's 'not an easy thing to answer.' But, he said, 'It did bring some things to our attention that were re-examined. There was an influence in that respect, but ultimately our decisions were made with the interest of the students in mind,' he said" and he "attributed the revision mostly to a change in the process for choosing the books."

OH PLEASE, get the iron because this man is waffling! The dedicated and courageous parent's two year struggle was the only thing that influenced the summer reading lists.

Miller will say that the parent was asked to be part of the committee that chose the 2012 list but she refused to join in, a true statement but, a parent should not have to do the job of the people who are paid for educating. More in keeping with a parent's role in this situation, she did make recommendations and I'm pleased to see that some of those titles are now included on the list.

I consider Principal Wayne Miller's reactions over the past two years, and the ridiculous 2012 list, to be nothing more than childish, school yard taunts and certainly not in the

"Peace Builder" spirit.

In the article Miller "noted that books on both years' lists contained award-winning novels..." a true statement but, the category was in "young adult" which covers the years 12-18. The novels in question were in no way appropriate for 11-13 year-olds, unless of course the school department approves of recommending to tweens books such as "Looking for Alaska" in which the characters give 'how-to' lessons on oral sex and intercourse.

My son was entering the 8th grade when that book was on the 2012 list. I would have allowed my high school son to read it, but not my 8th grader.

Bernie Roderick of the School Committee "said he had read some of the books challenged on last year's list and did not find them objectionable.

He stated, "There were a few language issues but nothing I thought the middle school children were unfamiliar with."

I find Roderick's attitude objectionable because being familiar with the words at age 12-13 is far different than being taught how to perform the sex acts.

The parent who brought the inappropriate book list to light "delivered a petition with 189 signatures to the School Committee in September."

The stance of the committee was that they are not in the business of banning books and the administration copped out with it's a school level issue. I remind the committee that their business is to represent the interests of Fairhaven's tax paying citizens, parents and their children because apparently they forgot that when they ignored the concerns of the people who signed the petition.

The committee will say that their purview is in 3 areas: hiring a superintendent, approving policy and overseeing the budget. To that I say that, with the hands-off attitudes of the committee and administration, the budget (had) better include adding a health teacher back at the middle school, changing policy to reflect more leniency in PDA and re-evaluating a superintendent's expectations of his school level administrators.

The adults involved owe the com-

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munity and its youngest citizens an apology for the way they mishandled the entire mess, which they created themselves. In other words, as the children pledge each day, "to notice and speak up about hurts I have caused and to right wrongs."

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

WT neighbors have compromised enough

The boss of Palmer Capital and Fairhaven Wind, Gordon Deane and his partners Sumul Shah and Jim Sweeney want a compromise. They have a compromise: shutting the turbines down from only 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.. The neighbors get 12 hours of peace, and noise the other 12. It sounds like the dealer who's allowed to keep half the pot after caught playing with a stacked deck and then asks for a bigger split.

Town officials from the beginning compromised their own town. Setbacks were framed around a predetermined location. The previous Select Board Chairman Bowcock and the Board's Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch worked in tandem and under the radar with the developers. They gave them a deal they couldn't refuse. According to Gordon Deane, from an article in the Standard Times on 6/18, the project makes 1.1 million annum and from what Jeff Osuch said in a Standard Times Article on 6/14, residents get \$10 each a year. The Health Board Chairman Peter DeTerra ignored his Board's legally mandated role. The Town lawyer defended and continues to defend the developers, recently convincing the Health Board Chair to violate a privacy promise with a mass e-mail survey. People in the neighborhood around these things have had the deck stacked against them from the beginning and now the developers want a better compromise?

The Health Board compromised the law. The Fairhaven Board of Health is required by the Noisome Trade Act, Mass. General Law Chapter 111, section 143 to ban any trade or employment, which would result in a nuisance, is harmful to person or property or negatively impacts health. If a proposal for such activity is brought forward the Health Board is required by this law to hold public hearings and determine if possible, a proper location. This

never happened. A new Select Board is elected, apologizes, begins to right a wrong and now the developers want to negotiate a compromise?

The truth was compromised. The developers and their friends in town government told neighbors there would be: no noticeable noise, no health issues, property values wouldn't be impacted. The developers said minimum setbacks weren't necessary; the turbines were guaranteed by the Chinese manufacturer. The news about problems in Falmouth weren't true or the turbines were different, Fairhaven's were special guaranteed Sinovel turbines.

There have been over 450 noise complaints, people are unable to sleep, some are made dizzy by the low level sound and suffer headaches, homes have lost value, some will be impossible to sell.

The five Falmouth Selectmen voted unanimously in February to remove [their] turbines because of health impacts. Sinovel is being sued for theft of trade secrets so that promised guarantee might be problematic.

This project was compromised from its inception. The turbines are too close. They have been found to be out of compliance by a DEP biased towards wind developers. An independent acoustical engineering firm would find violations far in excess of those found by a state agency with a mandate of 2000 megawatts of renewable energy by 2020.

The turbines are exactly what Mass General Law C111 sec.143 was meant to prevent. The developers and two present members of the Fairhaven Board of Health ignored this law. They ignore the damage they've inflicted. This project has failed and now they want to compromise?

A new compromise, after an earlier town government dealt a winning hand to the developers, cheating their own citizens out of the enjoyment of their homes and risking their health? Health & home can't be compromised. It's time to pull the plug. Take the stacked deck away and kick Deane, Shah and Sweeney out of town. They can take their two 400-foot Chinese Sinovel turbines with its stolen software with them. Call that a compromise.

Henry Ferreira, Fairhaven

Turbine foe's letter takes unfair shots at people

Louse Barteau is at it again, throwing dispersions at people while presenting no facts to back it up. Her opinion article in last week's *Neighb News* states "Fairhaven Wind and their supporters have managed to convince many people in the area that if you question anything about their wind turbine project you are a bad person."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. That's all we've heard from Windwise for almost two years.

Whether it's the developers who are doing what the majority of the Town twice voted to do, the Selectmen who are trying to deal with the contracts signed by the Town based on the will of the majority, the Board of Health and the Health Agent who have been deluged (and defrauded) by complaints that commenced before the turbines were in operation, the Town's attorney who has fairly represented the Town for many years, or the newly formed Friends of Fairhaven Wind, Windwise supporters have done nothing but name calling.

Since Barteau could not provide examples, we will: How about calling people a cancer that needs to be eliminated? Or calling out [Health Agent] Pat Fowle "for complicity in this fraud" and suggesting [Town Counsel] Tom Crotty is getting paid by Fairhaven Wind? And haven't we heard enough about Nuremberg? Could Windwise be any more inflammatory than talking about experimentation on people?

Character assassination is Windwise's mantra. Windwise questions anyone's motive who doesn't automatically and blindly agree with them, even MassDEP and MassCEC. While Louise may not participate directly in name calling, she sure has no problems suggesting conspiracies and falsified data and she isn't doing anything to stop her fellow members from throwing mud.

Louise says all they are doing is asking questions. Well, all of those questions in her article have been answered. Maybe Windwise is not listening because it's too busy disrupting meetings. The May 21 Board of Health meeting was a prime

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example. People should watch it at <http://70.88.215.124/Cablecast/Public/Show.aspx?ChannelID=1&ShowID=578>

Or maybe Windwise just doesn't like the answers so it keeps asking the same questions over and over again hoping to get a different answer.

The answer is that the Town contracted with Fairhaven Wind to install the turbines where they are installed so the Town can save money and be greener. Windwise objected when that was the decision of the majority and it lost its battle in state court. Windwise is now trying to win in the court of public opinion, but as the Friends of Fairhaven Wind know, they will lose there too.

Daniel Freitas, Fairhaven

Pottel sets record straight on his bike path role

Recently a member of the Friends of Fairhaven Wind made statements comparing my involvement in supporting bringing the bike path to Fairhaven and in my opposition to the two Fairhaven Industrial Wind Turbines. It is implied I am a hypocrite because how could I be for the bike path and against the turbines. I feel compelled to set the record straight because of the misinformation being presented by some members of Fairhaven Wind.

When the bike path was first proposed in Fairhaven I felt the need to do research to see if there was data that supported those who opposed the bike path. Furthermore, I lived

one house away from the path so I felt a need to look at all the information that I could find. I found a great deal of data and it all was positive. I couldn't find any research that was in opposition to the bike path.

As a result of this, I got involved and helped found a group called Friends of the Fairhaven Bike Path which was an advocacy group for the path. There was strong opposition but the bike path was built. After the bike path was built there was wide acceptance from the community. The benefits were many such as: public safety by providing a safe place to ride, increased property values of houses near the path, promoting public health, and in some cases people using it as a means of transportation.

When the two industrial wind turbines were first proposed in Fairhaven in 2007, I felt a need to look into the idea of having turbines in my town. One Sunday, I saw a full page article in the Boston Globe on a place in Maine called Mars Hill and the article really moved me as people described how these turbines had negatively impacted their health and their right to be able to live peacefully.

Following this revelation, I decided to explore further and did some research into the impact of Industrial wind turbines and the information I found was disturbing. Yes, there was also information put out by the wind developers. However, when I looked at research independent from the

wind industry and personal accounts it convinced me that this would bring harm to some of our townspeople.

The bike path and the industrial wind turbines are entirely different projects with entirely different results. The bike path has promoted public safety, public health, and increased property values. The industrial wind turbines have resulted in almost five hundred health complaints being sent to the Board of Health and the state finding that the turbines were not in compliance on four different occasions.

Let's keep the focus on the victims. We now have 17 families that we have done video interviews with (see trailer of some of these victims at www.windwise.org) and it is their story and the story of many others which should be emphasized and not the Phoenix Bike Path.

The personal attacks and the inaccurate innuendos by the Friends of Fairhaven Wind do not foster a healthy debate but instead divides the town further. Friends of Fairhaven Wind, instead of showing empathy to their Fairhaven neighbors who have become victims, have instead chosen to form an allegiance with wind developers [Gordon] Deane, [Sumul] Shah, and [Jim] Sweeney who are obviously in this for financial gain.

In my opinion, the health and well being of all the citizens in my community are more important than the developers getting rich at the expense of my neighbors.

Kenneth Pottel, Fairhaven

Carousel owner stopped from painting buliding

By Beth David
Editor

Charlene Conway, owner of Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven, said she has had enough and will no longer "play nice" with the town in regards to her building on David Drown Boulevard. Ms. Conway has been trying to paint the building with stripes and different colors, but has been stopped by building inspector Wayne Fostin, who said her design essentially was a sign that took up the whole building. Bylaws regulate the size of signs and advertising on businesses.

"I feel and town counsel feels it constitutes one big sign, the whole building is a sign," said Mr. Fostin of

the proposed design.

Ms. Conway said that was simply not true, that her building in Whitman, Mass., has the same design and that Mr. Fostin is just not business friendly. She filed an administrative appeal with the Board of Appeals that will be heard at its 8/6 meeting. Meanwhile, she said, she wanted to paint the building with stripes.

"He can't tell me I can't paint my building," said Ms. Conway. "They can tell me what I can paint lettering-wise, signage on the building."

She said she has contractors on hold after she received a cease and desist order this week, but she believes she is "totally within what the bylaws say."

She said she will probably sue the town.

Mr. Fostin said that once she filed the appeal, she should not be painting the building.

"This all pertains to us as business owners in this town trying to survive," said Ms. Conway. "It's typical town government trying to tell everyone what to do."

Mr. Fostin reiterated that town counsel agreed with his interpretation of the bylaw, but if the appeals board disagreed, that would be their prerogative.

"I do my job and if they tell me not to do it that way, fine," said Mr. Fostin. "But it's gone through the process

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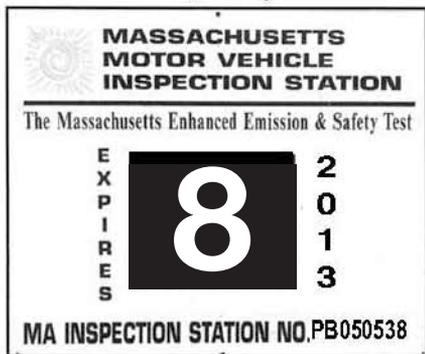
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