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## Remember this?



Although we had a pretty mild hurricane season so far, there are still three months left to hurricane season, and with the anniversary of Hurricane Bob just behind us, we thought we'd revisit the last Hurricane to hit us squarely, Hurricane Bob, which hit this area on August 19, 1991, and did an enormous amount of damage, knocked out the causeway for 14 days, and knocked out electricity for six days on West Island. After that, the electric cables were put underground over the causeway. ABOVE: The corner of Bluepoint and Almond on West Island is completely washed out during Hurricane Bob on August 19, 1991. Note the skiff up against the fence on the right side of the house. See page 16 for story. *Neighb News file photo courtesy of Shirley Hunter. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



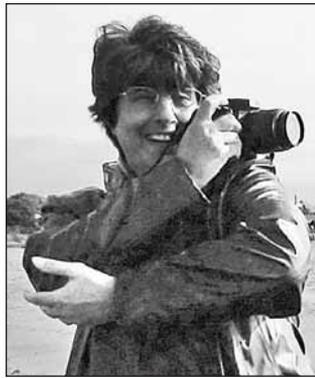
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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Here we go, it's all heating up. The special election is only a week and a half away. See page 23 for letters from our readers weighing on the race.

Now, about those letters. I need them sooner, people. Everyone's been sending them in on Mondays and even late on Tuesdays. I can't keep shuffling things around to accommodate that. I do the best I can, but, if you really want your letter to get publish, get it to us by the FRIDAY before the issue you want it in, over the weekend the latest. Chances are I won't be able to continue to get letters in that come in later than that. We call it a "deadline," and be grateful the "dead" part is only rhetorical.

But, seriously, we need to start sticking to our deadlines better. The paper has to get done sooner, so that means we need materials sooner. All listings should be in by Friday.

Our cover story is about Hurricane Bob (see page 16). I know, we've done stories on that storm before, but I just couldn't resist another one and ML Baron was happy to accommodate us. We have a few different pictures this time around, some we haven't run before.

If you have any good hurricane pictures, let us know. We'd be happy to print them. It's one of the things we have to contend with in our part of the world and we just can't get enough stories and pictures.

The first year we started the paper (2006), we did a three-part hurricane series and published photos from all the different hurricanes that came from readers. I just took another peek at those issues and they are great.

I'll try to get them uploaded to the website so you can check 'em out.

We have some cool stuff coming up this weekend.

Be sure to tour the new Wood School on Friday and Saturday, see page 6 for details. It's a beauty and your tax dollars paid for it. So take a stroll by and find out what you paid for. There's an official ribbon cutting a week or so after (also on page 6), and that'll be lots of fun, too.

The big FESTA!!! is this weekend, so be sure to get to the Our Lady of Angels feast grounds in North Fairhaven, across the street from St. Mary's Church. Go hungry! The food is great; the malassadas the best on planet earth, worth the 30+ minute wait for them.

We have lots of meeting coverage for you this week, too. See page 4 for Selectboard, page 13 for Conservation, page 18 for BPW and page 12 for Acushnet Selectboard.

Speaking of Acushnet, save the date: Apple-Peach fest is next weekend. See page 8 for details.

Until next week then, see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Annual OLOA feast is this weekend

This is the weekend of the Our Lady of Angels Portuguese Feast in Fairhaven. The "big little feast" will be held at the OLOA Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven, on Saturday, August 31 to Monday September 2. Hours are: Sat. 5 p.m.–Mid., Sun. Noon–Midnight, Mon. Noon–10:00 p.m. Procession on Main Street will be on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

A traditional Portuguese "festa" with live music, game booths, Portuguese & American foods, auctions, kids' activities.

Activities include game booths, traditional Portuguese foods including malassadas, linguica, carne espito, cacoila and bifana. You'll also find clamcakes, hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream.

The Port wine is, of course, a must to try, the beer is sure to be cold and the malassadas still warm.

Park at St. Mary's Church.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. On Monday, there is a traditional religious procession on Main Street from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back. Features local marching bands, clergy

and statues, including the life-sized statue of Our Lady of Angels carried on the shoulders of the men of the

association.

For more information: call 508-990-0502.



The annual Our Lady of Angels feast in Fairhaven includes a traditional religious procession on Main Street, a right of passage for both girls and boys to march in. This year's feast is this weekend on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. *Neighb News* file photo from 2012 by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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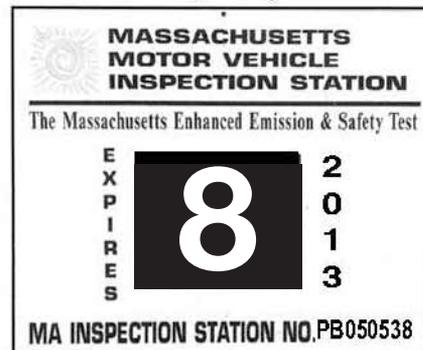
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# Selectboard to review town counsel firms; SC will take electricity

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard received nine responses to its Request for Proposals for town counsel. At its meeting on Monday, 8/26, the board decided that each member would pick four and then discuss them at the 9/23 meeting.

The board sent out the RFP after controversy over current town counsel Thomas Crotty arose, with selectboard member Bob Espindola joining a chorus of anti-wind-turbine voices complaining about Mr. Crotty. In July, however, board member Geoffrey Haworth and chairperson Charles Murphy, along with a parade of residents, praised Mr. Crotty's handling of the town's legal issues.

Mr. Crotty told the board at the time that if they wanted to remove him from all wind turbine related issues, that would be okay with him. The long time Fairhaven town counsel said he had always managed to stay out of town politics but that had changed with the WT issue. Mr. Espindola has been vocal about using a different town counsel, but has said recently that the reason is to get specialized help in certain areas including union contract negotiations and power-purchase contracts, such as the town has with the WT developer.

Mr. Espindola, an anti-turbine activist who was involved in a lawsuit against the town before he ran for the selectboard, has been very vocal about reviewing other firms.

The board discussed various ways of ranking the firms, including a point system they said they used to narrow down the field when they hired a town treasurer and assessor.

Mr. Murphy cautioned his fellow selectboard members to be conscious of "secret costs."

He said although some firms may show a lower hourly rate, they also charge for travel and other expenses.

"Lawyers are very good about hiding things," he said.

The board also agreed to pay \$80 to Koppelman and Paige for a bill from last year that exceeded the 3 1/2 hour cap.

Despite disapproval by board member Geoffrey Haworth about the firm going over the limit, all three board members voted to approve the

payment. The bill stems from a request by Mr. Espindola last year for a ruling on whether or not he had to recuse himself from wind turbine issues because he had sued the town over the WTs. Mr. Espindola did not want to use Mr. Crotty for the issue.

The board also met with School Committee Chairperson Pam Kuechler and Vice Chair David Gonsalves to discuss the use of electricity being generated by the solar array on the landfill. The credits for the array have been designated for Hastings Middle School, but the SC expressed concern at its last two meetings about how the electricity is being apportioned and how the department is required to pay for it. The SC had seemed to indicate that it did not want the electricity and that it should go to a building for another department.

On Monday, however, Ms. Kuechler said that the SC's intentions were not

energy," said Mr. Gonsalves, adding that "If this board thinks we are the logical choice," to get the energy, they would be happy to take it.

After some confusing explanations of the power-purchase process that had Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch and Mr. Espindola apparently contradicting each other, Mr. Gonsalves said, "this is why we're confused."

Mr. Osuch explained that it was easier and more logical from a book-keeping standpoint to designate the use of the projected 580,000 kilowatt hours annually to one or two buildings that would be using a comparable amount of energy.

HMS uses about 300,000 kWh, and the array has already created a 273,000 kWh credit. The high school used just under 566,000 kWh last year, leading Mr. Gonsalves to say it would be a "better choice."

"I don't care where it goes. I don't care if it's a nightmare for our town accountant," said Mr. Gonsalves, adding that all he cared about was the town getting the biggest "bang for the buck."

Mr. Osuch was instructed to talk to Fairhaven School Department Business Manager Paul Kitchen to decide where the credits would go. The Schedule Z, which lists where the energy will be credited, can only be changed once every six months.

In another matter, the board's scheduled combined meeting with the Board of Health did not take place, and had not been rescheduled.

The board's meeting with the Harbormaster was also postponed, but Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox appeared before the board with two issues.

He presented a waiver of the fee for shellfish license for visually impaired persons. The board agreed to the waiver and Mr. Cox has created a set of regulations for it. It allows a visually impaired person to have help filling his or her basket, but the other person may not have a basket of his or her own.

"Two rakes, one basket," said Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox also informed the board that the Nature Conservancy has expressed interest in restoring oysters to the area. The organization wants to create a one-acre site. It

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[David Gonsalves]

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accurately represented in news reports. She said that the SC simply thought it would be more beneficial to the town if the electricity went to the accounts currently being serviced by NSTAR instead of Suez, because NSTAR charges the highest rate. The NSTAR accounts, however, are also the smallest accounts.

Mr. Gonsalves said that the project had changed since it was first voted on at town meeting, which designated HMS as the recipient of the credits, because the savings would have been larger. Now, with the change in the regulations, it does not matter which account the credit goes to, the savings are the same.

"It's not the same project anymore," said Mr. Gonsalves, adding that the SC was taken by surprise with the bill they received. "We didn't know the switch had been flipped."

He said they paid Suez and now have a credit with them, causing confusion.

"We never said we didn't want the

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## Re-Elect Peter DeTerra Fairhaven Board of Health

I am Peter DeTerra and I am running for re-election to the Board of Health in Fairhaven's special election on September 9. There is so much more work to be done through the Board of Health. I am grateful to all of you who have been with me on this journey, and I want to thank you for all your support these past few months.

I am asking for your continued support as the journey continues to allow me to work with all the citizens of Fairhaven to bring consensus to this town.

Call me at 508-992-1838 or inbox me on Facebook (Peter DeTerra), or email me at PeterDeTerra@yahoo.com

And again, I want to thank the citizens of Fairhaven. And don't forget to vote on Monday, September 9. And remember, you can always get an absentee ballot if you're not in town that day.

### Cocktail Party Fund-raiser

Seaport Inn  
110 Middle St., Fairhaven  
Thurs., Aug., 29, 6-9 p.m.  
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## WI Breakfast Buffet

### Last of the Season!!

Sun., 9/1, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m. Last one of the season.

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

## Wood School Events Tours

Check out the new Wood School on Friday, August 30 from 3-7 p.m. and on Sat., 8/31, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to tour the building at 60 Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven before the building opens to students next month.

### Ribbon Cutting

Join officials and fellow residents for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Wood School on Friday, 9/6, at 9:30 a.m.

## VFW Luau F-R

A night of music and dancing. See ad on page 30 for details

## Retire Flags

Boy Scout Troop 52 will be performing a Flag retiring ceremony at Benoit Square (across from Oxford School), Wednesday, September 11. Gathering is at 6:00 PM, ceremony to begin at 6:30 PM. Refreshments to follow.

This event is being sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club in conjunction with the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

All are invited to attend and bring your old and torn flags to be retired.

## Seminar for Seniors

South Coast Senior Resource Association Presents A Special Fall Educational Event for seniors: **How to Maintain Your Independence**

Are you overwhelmed with major decisions needed to maintain your independence and don't know where to turn? Would it be helpful to have access to professional expertise and guidance?

Come meet with a panel of speakers from the Senior Resource Association on October 9, from 11:30

AM-1:30 PM At the Fairhaven Council on Aging 229 Huttleston Avenue Fairhaven, MA 02719 **RSVP at 508-994-9238 by October 2nd.** Lunch will be served. Raffles.

## Host Families needed

On October 5th of this year the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will sponsor the 14th Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven. In addition to the delegation with the Mayor of Tosashimizu, for the first time students of Shimizu High School will attend the festival. We are seeking home stay families for these young people. There are two boys and five girls who attend Fairhaven High School's "sister school". They will be accompanied by their English teacher (female). They will arrive on Friday, Oct. 4 and depart on Tuesday, Oct. 8. We would hope that we could find host families in Fairhaven so that on Monday, Oct. 7 the guests could visit Fairhaven High School of which they have heard so much.

All students have studied English and are anxious to practice their conversation with friendly local youngsters. Anyone who might consider being a host family should contact Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219.

Anyone who has hosted the citizens of our Sister City in Japan can vouch for the fact that this is a true "win-win" event.

## Katie Walk

The second annual Katie Brienzo Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday, 9/14, at the Our Lady of Angels feast grounds on Jesse Street in North Fairhaven. Proceeds will benefit M.O. L.I.F.E.

Call 508-992-5978 for more info.

## Bake+ Sale

Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven, is accepting school supplies through the end of the month. Also at Atria, enjoy the following events.

### Summer Shopping

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

## Bike Rides

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will hold bike rides on **Saturday mornings** to the end of August. The bike rides will start at Fort Phoenix at 9 each Saturday Morning. This will be a family friendly ride led by members of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee.

We encourage everyone to go to the town bikeway committee's web site at [http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/fairhavenma\\_bcomm/Bike](http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/fairhavenma_bcomm/Bike) and check out a number of different bike routes in Fairhaven for bikers to use.

## Vendors Wanted

The 14th John Manjiro Festival will take place on Saturday October 5th, in the center of Fairhaven. Craft and food vendors are welcome to participate. Downloaded vendor applications from the Whitfield-Manjiro Museum website: [www.whitfield-manjiro.org](http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org). Click on "Programs."

## Gazebo donations

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is trying to build a gazebo at Benoit Square. Donations are being sought from individuals and businesses alike. You can help by sending a check payable to North Fairhaven Improvement Association and mail to NFIA Gazebo Project, PO Box 877, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

## Ft. Phoenix Race

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](http://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.

## 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](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com)

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Whaleboat races

See page 10 for details

## Open Studios

New Bedford Open Studios (NBOS) has changed things up a bit, expanding their weekend event to a three month series. Open Studios will be kicking off at **Orchard Street Studios, 665 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA on September 7 & 8.** The remaining locations and dates are: Ropeworks Studios, 123 Sawyer Street, New Bedford, MA on October 5 & 6, 2013 and Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch Street, New Bedford, MA on November 22, 23 & 24, 2013.

This year's NBOS three self-guided tours make it easier for guests to navigate the artists' studios, spend more time viewing their artwork and exploring the artist's processes. In addition, NBOS will feature a number of new artists, adding to the variety of work to be discovered. This year's offerings include: paintings, fine-art photography, sculpture, drawings, jewelry, fine woodworking, ceramic wares, handmade handbags, scarves, clothing and pillows and much more. **This is a free event where artists will open their studios to show and sell their wares.**

NBOS launched Open Studio Weekend in 2004 to give artists the opportunity to open their studio doors to the public and facilitate an active dialogue around their work, art in general and the work that is being produced in New Bedford, MA. About New Bedford Open Studios – NBOS enriches the arts and culture of the region through the promotion of local artists and by encouraging the public's participation in the artistic life of the community. For more information, visit: [www.newbedfordopenstudios.org](http://www.newbedfordopenstudios.org) or email [info@newbedfordopenstudios.org](mailto:info@newbedfordopenstudios.org) Link to participating artists: [www.newbedfordopenstudios.org/artist-list/](http://www.newbedfordopenstudios.org/artist-list/)

## Free Concert

The 2013 Thursdays in the Park Concert Series continues its weekly summer series with a performance of folk punk shanty music by Sharks Come Cruisin'. **The free concert takes place Thursday, August 29 from 6:30-7:15 in the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park**

**garden (33 William Street).** In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors. This is the last concert in the series.

Sharks Come Cruisin' plays an energetic mix of original and traditional sing-along songs, keeping the themes of audience participation and celebration at the center of their music and live performances, and have been described as sea shanty punk, Irish punk, and folk punk.

For info, call 508-996-4095, go to [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe)

## Slide Slam

The New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) invites the public to attend its **Slide Slam and Information Night on Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at ArtWorks! (384 Acushnet Avenue).** The 2012-2013 NBCC grant recipients will present slides and provide an overview of their projects and their contributions to the cultural life in New Bedford. NBCC members will be on hand with information about the upcoming 2013-14 NBCC grant cycle. The event will be open to the public and light refreshments will be provided.

An additional NBCC **Grant Information meeting will be held at the New Bedford Public Free Library on Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m.** Members of the NBCC will be on hand to answer questions regarding the NBCC 2013-14 proposals and grant cycle.

All NBCC 2013-14 grant applications and accompanying materials are due by Oct. 15, 2013. These may be mailed to the NBCC P.O. Box 2027 New Bedford, MA 02740, postmarked no later than Tuesday, October 15, 2013, OR may be hand delivered to the Mayor's Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall, before 4:00pm on October 15th. No late applications will be accepted. For more information and to download an application, visit [www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford](http://www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford) or email [newbedfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordcc@gmail.com).

## AHA! Cruise

AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) invites community members to join them from **5 to 7:30 pm on Sept. 10 for its second annual sunset cruise aboard the Cuttyhunk Ferry.**

The vessel departs from 66B State Pier in New Bedford, taking passengers on a two-hour tour that in-

cludes picturesque Padanaram Harbor. Last year's inaugural cruise was a great success! Area restaurants have again agreed to donate a wonderful array of edibles, with a cash bar.

The vessel accommodates up to 149 passengers, and **tickets are \$25.** Reserve your ticket today by calling Lee Heald, Program Director of AHA! at 508-996-8253, ext. 205 or buy them online at [www.cfsema.org](http://www.cfsema.org) and select "AHA Making Waves" from the drop-down menu on the Donate page.

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## Seeking Fish Tales

Anyone who has worked the waterfront or fished the sea for any length of time has tales to tell. The Working Waterfront Festival and the NOAA Fisheries Voices from the Fisheries Project wants to hear them and will partner once again to collect Fish Tales at the 10th Working Waterfront Festival September 28 and 29 in New Bedford.

Storms and close calls, unusual catches, workplace pranks, and tales from the home front are among the many topics fishermen and others from the industry are invited to share at the Fish Tales Tent. Stories recorded during the Festival will be archived and shared through the Voices from the Fisheries website and Working Waterfront Festival publications. Recordings from last year's festival can be found at [www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov) by searching Fishtales under Collections on the Search page of the website.

The Working Waterfront Festival has been collecting and sharing stories since 2004 through their Narrative Stage, Oral History Project, Radio Series and Publications. Voices from the Fisheries is a website based, central repository for oral histories related to the fisheries of the United States. Created in 2007, the website has become a resource for those interested in the lives and experiences of those who fish our nation's waters. It currently houses over 500 oral histories, the majority of which are from the Northeast Region, along with podcasts focused on key themes or collections within the archive.

For more information navigate to [www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org), [www.nefsc.noaa.gov/read/socialsci/](http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/read/socialsci/) or [www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov)

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## 4H Fair

The Sixth annual East Middleboro 4-H Fair will be held on the 4-H Grounds, 183 Thompson St. (Rte. 105), on Sat. and Sun., Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, from 8 a.m.–dusk.

The weekend features two full days of events starting with breakfast on Saturday and worship service on Sunday.

There are no amusement rides, but there is much to do. Join us on Saturday afternoon for our popular country auction. Or watch the animal costume parade followed by the tractor parade on Saturday. The country store (rummage sale) and book tents are open throughout the fair and a variety of great food is available including our famous chicken barbecue Sunday afternoon!

In the schoolhouse 4-H members display their many talents as they compete for ribbons. In the morning come for breakfast and stay to watch one of the many animal shows. Our 4-H members care for and work with their animals all year, come and see what they have accomplished.

There is no admission or parking fee, just come and enjoy the day. Check our schedule for a full listing of all shows and activities.

The East Middleboro Fair is sponsored and presented solely by volunteers. Most of our volunteers are members of the East Middleboro Community Committee or 4-H members and their families.

For the complete schedule or to download a fair book visit [www.eastmiddleboro4h.org/pdfs/schedule.pdf](http://www.eastmiddleboro4h.org/pdfs/schedule.pdf), call 781-293-3541 or email [mvollmer@umext.umass.edu](mailto:mvollmer@umext.umass.edu).

## Car Cruise

Join us for **Acushnet's 4th annual Nostalgia and Cruise Night on Thursday, 8/29, from 5–8:30 p.m.** (Rain date 8/30). Features music by the Klassics and dancing to the oldies on the town green. Classic cards, classic food and beverages.

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## Yard Sale for Cats

Habitat for Cats annual yard sale. Proceeds to Benefit Homeless Cats,

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Festivities on both days start at 10 a.m. and go until 6 p.m. Sunday's Parade begins from Pope Park at 10 a.m. Free parking and admission at the museum. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School.

### Entertainment Schedule

#### Saturday, 9/7:

10:00–10:45: Voices in Time  
11:00–11:45: X Two  
12:00–12:45: Jeff Dunn  
1:00–1:45: One Cent Peep Show  
2:00–2:45: Cool Beans  
3:00–3:45: Slingshot  
4:00–6:00: Neal McCarthy Problem

#### Sunday, 9/8:

10:00–10:45: Gonsalves Tae Kwon Do  
11:00–11:30: T.B.A.  
1:45–12:30: Girl Fridau  
12:45–1:45: The Stumblers  
2:00–2:45: Walk the Line  
3:00–3:45: Dancing Dogs  
4:00–6:00: Shipyard Wreck

Contact Acushnet town hall for more information: 508-998-0200.

## Join Orchestra

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Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 7-9:15 pm, on the campus of Wheaton College in Norton. No orchestral experience is necessary, and there is no cost to be a part of the ensemble. Interested string, wind, brass, and percussion players may contact music director Delvyn Case to discuss membership: [case\\_delvyn@wheatoncollege.edu](mailto:case_delvyn@wheatoncollege.edu). More information may be found at <http://www.greatwoodschamberorchestra.org>.

## Rummage Sale

Smith Neck Friends Meeting will sponsor their Annual Rummage Sale on **Saturday September 7** beginning at 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mother's fur coat and Dad's tweed jacket and sister's prom dress as well as favorite toys all find their way to this intriguing bargains galore sale. Area residents have been cleaning out their closets and providing the Ways and Means Committee with plenty of bargains in sweaters, shoes, winter clothing and children's items blankets and towels. Also for sale will be books and household items ideal for that student either furnishing a new dorm room or returning to college. There will be some antique treasures.

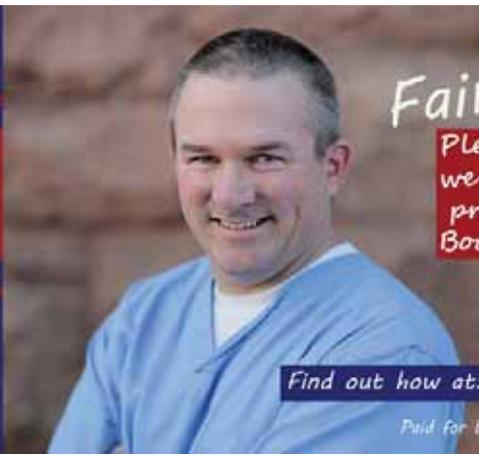
Held rain or shine in Fellowship Hall coffee and donuts are for sale for early morning risers. Proceeds benefit the ongoing projects of the Meeting House. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O'Dundee Road, Dartmouth. The location is handicapped accessible. For more information, call (508) 994-5108.

## Farmers Market

The **Acushnet Farmer's market** is open **every Saturday from 9–1, rain or shine at 186 Leonard Street.**

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# Recipe of the Week

## Spiced Sugar Cookies

- 2 1/3 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 2 tps vanilla

Preheat oven to 350° and lightly grease cookie sheets. Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmet and salt, set aside.

Beat sugar and butter in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy; add egg and vanilla; mix well.

Gradually beat in flour mixture on on low speed until well mixed. Refrigerate for two hours or overnight until firm.

Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8 inch thickness, cut into shapes with desired cookie cutters.

Bake in 350° oven for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire racks.

*By Stephanie Peixoto*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Azorean Whaleboat races next week

## Press Release

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society's 7th International Whaleboat Regatta is slated for September 4-8, and will include a history-making contest never before attempted in American waters. For the first time, Azorean whaleboats will race American whaleboats in the regatta. The contest is expected to reveal the performance capabilities of the two designs as they evolved over 200 years on both sides of the Atlantic.

First held in 2004 in New Bedford, the Regatta is a major regional event and tourist attraction. The Regatta alternates each year between New Bedford and the Azores. The VII International Whaleboat Regatta will be held in New Bedford in partnership with the New Bedford Whaling Museum from Wednesday, September 4 through Sunday, September 8, 2013.

In 2013, the races are being sponsored by Azorean Maritime Heritage Society, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Fundação Luso-Americana, Banco Espirito Santo, BPI Bank, Inc.,

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The Regatta attracts US and international tourists and wooden boat enthusiasts as well as civic leaders and dignitaries from the US, Azores and mainland Portugal.

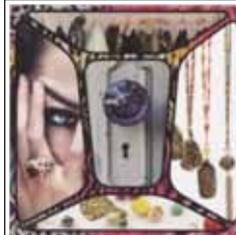
Two teams from the Azores will travel to the Whaling City this year to compete against our local USA teams in both sailing and rowing competitions in Azorean whaleboats. Wrapped around the actual "on the water" events is a week full of land-based activities, social events, lectures, cultural performances and exhibitions.

All races will be held in Clark's Cove, located in the south end of New Bedford on the west side of the peninsula. Best viewing areas are near the boat-ramp on West Rodney French Boulevard.

For schedule updates and additional information, visit [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org). For information on the free public lectures being offered as part of Regatta Week, visit

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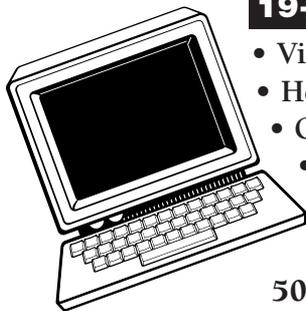
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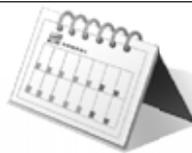
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# Acushnet Selectboard criticizes Board of Public Works

By Jean Perry

## Neigh News Correspondent

The beat goes on with the BPW, as Acushnet Selectboard Chairperson Leslie Dakin put it on 8/26, preceding other phrases such as “unprofessional” and “negligence” to express his disapproval of recent inaction by the Board of Public Works.

The Selectboard referred once again to a Massachusetts Employee Council “charge of prohibited practice” issued on 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.

In response, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho sent a letter dated 7/30 to the BPW addressing the matter, requesting a written response to the Selectboard.

“We have not heard back from the Board of Public Works,” said Mr. Coutinho. He later added that earlier in the day he received a phone call from BPW Chairperson Jeffrey Schuster saying that a written response to the Selectboard is forthcoming.

Mr. Dakin said the board cautioned the BPW on 7/29 that it was not fulfilling its obligation as elected officials to engage in contract negotiations and, as a result, the Town could be subject to fines in the future.

The Selectboard is waiting for results of a Mass. Department of Revenue audit of internal procedures of the BPW that the Finance

Committee requested that the Selectboard pursue, which Mr. Coutinho said in a phone interview should be released in late October or early November.

Mr. Coutinho said the Selectboard had some “issues” with the BPW and “how they are conducting business,” and sought a third-party opinion.

The BPW “beat” continued during the meeting as Mr. Dakin read a letter written by Finance Committee Chairperson Cathy Doane to Mr. Schuster addressing FinCom’s

demand that the board take a revote on the water rate.

Ms. Doane also disapproved of the sewer rate the BPW set at \$4.24 per 100 cubic feet saying, although this rate would provide for an \$11,000 surplus, it is her opinion that a surplus of \$50,000 would be a more reliable cushion.

Ms. Doane recommended the BPW revote the matter.

On top of all that, Ms. Doane wrote that because the BPW submitted the water and sewer rates on 8/20, a month after the 7/19 due date, Ms. Doane will probably not be able to issue the tax bills in time for September. In addition, unless the board re-votes the water rate, the Town will be unable to set the FY14 tax rate by October.

The BPW chairperson did not respond to the *Neigh News’s* request for comment.

Also at the meeting, the board set the next Town Meeting date for Monday 10/21 at 7 p.m. at the Ford Middle School.

The deadline for article submissions is 9/18 and the warrant will be posted by 10/3.

In other business, the board tossed around a few ideas on how to utilize the Perry Hill Church after a brief presentation by Frank Grace, a member of the Community Preservation Committee and the Historical Commission, who stood in for CPC Chairperson Kevin Dakin.

Mr. Grace proposed an art and cultural center for artists to exhibit

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rejection of the water rates set by the BPW, and her recommendation that the board reconsider the newly set sewer rate as well.

“I cannot accept the proposed Water rate of \$3.15 per 100 cubic feet,” wrote Ms. Doane. “My calculations show that this rate will not cover your FY 2014 budget and has no provision for the creation of surplus as a cushion to fund budget shortfalls or future capital projects.”

Ms. Doane recommended that the board provide for a minimum of \$50,000 in annual surplus and

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# ConCom issues enforcement order; NSTAR hearings continued

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

You cannot put a hot tub on a dune and, if you do, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will issue you an enforcement order like the one it gave on 8/26 to Mario and Antonio Gomes, trustees for the Bastos Realty Trust of 26 Cove Street.

"It's a vertical barrier in a velocity zone, for one thing," said Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin, adding, "And it's not just a beach, it's actually a dune area."

The hot tub is placed upon a wooden platform and is situated on a migrating sand dune, according to Mr. Fostin.

The commission just recently issued an enforcement order to the same property owners back in June of this year for unpermitted cutting and clearing of dune grass on the property, to which Mr. Fostin said the property owners have still not replied.

The 8/26 meeting agenda was long, but cut short by a slew of continuances, mostly for six notices of intent for NSTAR looking to develop six plots of land along Thompson Street, Doane Street, and Farmfield Street.

The matter was continued until 9/9, along with the notice of intent for Bella Vista Island looking to install a wooden pier, a ten-foot wide crushed stone pathway to the beach, and to repair an existing groin.

The request for determination for the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust was also continued again for 9/9, as well as the notice of intent for Dave Hebert of Earl's Marina on Goulart Memorial Drive.

The commission had a brief discussion about Earl's Marina and their concerns about run-off and drainage from future servicing of boats inside the parking area during the winter months.

Chairperson Joseph Taylor said once the marina, which is zoned as a boat yard, starts servicing boats in the winter, debris from scraping barnacles and paint off the boats will

not be filtered sufficiently by a proposed storm sceptor before the water runs into the ocean, and a better plan for a drainage system is required to move forward.

Mr. Taylor remarked that, although he sympathizes with Mr. Hebert regarding the time constraints he faces with starting the project, the drainage is too significant an issue and the Town will seek to hire an outside firm to consult with them about a viable drainage system plan.

"As bad as I feel for the marina," said Mr. Taylor, "it started to steam-roll into something bigger than the engineer led us to believe it was."

Also at the meeting, the board

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[Wayne Fostin]

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approved resurfacing and road improvements for the stretch of Route 195 that passes through Fairhaven, spanning the buffer zones of several areas of wetlands.

The Mass. Department of Transportation Highway Division was represented by Environmental Scientists Alex Murray and Jeff Malloy who presented the plan for the work that will begin next year.

Mr. Taylor was especially concerned with designating the middle of the highway for stockpiling supplies. He later requested that about an extra 100 feet of filter sock for sediment control be stored in the area just in case it needed to be replaced.

Mr. Malloy agreed to the special condition without hesitation resulting

in minimal discussion on the matter.

In other business, the board continued the hearing for William Tyler Fitzsimmons of 83 Nakata Avenue until 9/9 to allow for an on-site visit on 9/8 to inspect an existing seawall Mr. Fitzsimmons is seeking to repair.

Although there were photos that Engineer David Davignon told the commission would "speak a thousand words," Mr. Taylor apparently needed to read more and stated his case for viewing the seawall before approval.

ConCom member Steve Pereira concurred with Mr. Taylor, saying that there have been cases when the commission received photos that were conveniently staged using flattering angles. However, having said that, no one seconded Louise Barteau's motion for an on-site and continuance until she turned to Mr. Pereira in the middle of the awkward silence nudging him, "Steve?"

"Ah, yeah. Sure. Second," replied Mr. Pereira.

The public hearing for Jason Arruda of 34 Welcome Street was continued until 9/9 to allow for an on-site on 9/8 before approving the plan to build a single-family house on the "relatively small" lot that Ms. Barteau deemed a "wet meadow."

ConCom Member Janine Peccini said it was one project she needed to see before voting.

The commission granted approval for Joseph Batista of 32 Nakata Avenue for the verification of the wetland line and also a percolation test.

The commission also approved brush clearing for Riverside Group LLC of 108 Sycamore Street.

After all is  
said and done,  
a lot more will have  
been said than done.

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Drivers Needed to transport seniors to medical appts. in the greater N. B. area. A stipend is available for mileage only through an anonymous grant. A copy of insurance and a CORI (Criminal Offender Registry Information) is required and processed through the Fairhaven Sr. Center. Drivers for Boston and Prov. appts. are also needed with reimbursement of up to \$70.00 for mileage, parking and lunch. If you are interested please contact Anne Silvia at the Fhvn. COA 508-979-4029.

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SHINE Counselors are always available to answer all of your health insurance concerns.

SHINE Counselors will determine if you qualify for the Government to stop deducting the Medicare Part B Premium of \$104.90 from your Social Security check each month. They can also complete the Mass. Health application for you free of charge, if you meet the income and asset limits. Call 508-979-4029 and ask for Lucille.

## Ongoing Programs

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# Hurricane Bob left indelible mark

## Major Hurricanes Along South Coast Are Rare, But The Memories Linger

### Hurricane Bob Monday, August 19, 1991 22nd Anniversary

By MLBaron/Hurricane Historian  
Special to the Neighb News

Bob was the earliest known hurricane to impact SE New England. This was the first significant test for the New Bedford-Fairhaven Hurricane Barrier on its 25th anniversary of completion in 1966. Bob's name was retired in 1991.

The most prominent landmark destroyed in greater New Bedford was the 391 foot radio tower on Crow island in the middle of the Acushnet River. The newly constructed \$35,000 walkway on the causeway to West Island was destroyed. The boardwalk lasted less than two months.

Underground utilities were put in place to West Island after Bob toppled most of the utility poles that were exposed to the pounding waves and wind along the causeway — which at high tide is only about three feet above sea level on a good day.

Communities suffered serious damage from Wareham to Newport with Mattapoisett taking the heaviest toll with over 120 homes and cottages badly damaged or destroyed. Total damages from Bob — a potent category two hurricane — exceeded 1.5 Billion (2.5 Billion in today's

HURRICANE BOB STATS			
STATION	PEAK WIND	RAIN	LOWEST PRESSURE/TIME
BOSTON NWS	NW 64 MPH	2.21"	28.93"/16:10 EDT
BLUE HILL OBS	ENE 78 MPH	2.58"	28.78"/15:45 EDT
BEDFORD	NW 60 MPH	5.47"	28.99"/16:35 EDT
ACUSHNET	E 75 MPH	.90	28.48"/14:57 EDT
CHATHAM	E 91 MPH	.18	29:02"/15:45 EDT
CHICOPEE	58 MPH	4.05"	
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CG	98 MPH		
NANTUCKET	75 MPH		
NEW BEDF DIKE	106 MPH	7'6" SURGE	28:48"/14:57 EDT
BLOCK ISLAND	125 MPH est		28:35"/13:30 EDT
NEWPORT	SE 96 MPH		
WESTERLY	75 MPH	8'6" SURGE	28:72"/14:15 EDT

dollars). There were 17 deaths attributed to the storm which included a local casualty in Wareham.

The last hurricane event before Bob was Hurricane Gloria that affected the region on Friday Sept 27, 1985. This over-hyped "storm of the century" had tens of millions evacuate and run for cover. The public attitude towards hurricane warnings were never the same after Gloria anteed up to nothing more than a mediocre tropical storm at best, with a high wind gust in New Bedford of 90 MPH and only 1.27" of rain.

In defense of this storm, Gloria did cause some long term power outages with isolated areas of extensive wind damage on land and along the shore.

On Monday, August 19, 1991, Fairhaven Police Officer Richard Clafin witnessed the entire tower at crow Island slant over for a few seconds and then slowly heave over and collapse into the Acushnet River about 1:30 p.m., at the height of the hurricane. This would be the third and last time that the tower had collapsed in a hurricane: in 1954 and 1944.

The tower was never rebuilt. There was discussion of replacing it, but with the advent of newer communication technology, the estimated one-million dollar price tag was not practical. Today, the island is privately owned. The original radio control room building remains intact as a residence. Crow Island is part of the Town of Fairhaven.

I was one of the last radio operators to transmit from the tower before it went down. I was also a live correspondent for WNBH that day. which was the only local radio station left on the air during the storm.

The station was transmitting from its County Street, New Bedford, location. Bernadette Coelho, Keith Thibeault were out in the field as well with Jack Pedersen at the news desk. I was located by the hurricane barrier on the Fairhaven side. Wind gusts against my studio van reached 110 mph. The highest gust recorded was 125 mph at Block island. The radio station received The Associated Press Award for Outstanding Coverage of a Live News Event that year.



Numerous sailboats were beached and tossed about while some landed on top of the Padanaram Bridge. It took weeks to remove some of the beached vessels. Photo by Bob Bumpus / MLBaron Historic Archives

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### Most Infamous SouthCoast Hurricanes Have Never Hit on a Weekend

It appears that hurricanes in the past 100 years have given SouthCoast Massachusetts a break on weekends. Having two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) in a row without hurricanes is also a curious factor. Night time hurricanes are also rare by chance, with the exception of the 1944 Hurricane which slammed the region just before midnight.

*Monday, 8/19/91, Hurricane Bob*  
*Friday, 9/27/85, Hurricane Gloria*  
*Monday, 9/12/60, Hurricane Donna*



TOP: This boat landed on Causeway Road in Fairhaven after Hurricane Bob hit on August 19, 1991. *Neighb News* file photo courtesy of Shirley Hunter. ABOVE: One of numerous sailboats that were tossed about in Padanaram Harbor in Dartmouth. Photo by Bob Bumpus / MLBaron Historic Archives

*Tuesday, 8/31/54, Hurricane Carol*  
*\*Saturday, 9/11/54, Hurricane Edna*  
*Thursday, 9/14/44, 1944 Hurricane*  
*Wednesday 9/21/38, 1938 Hurricane*

*\*Hurricane Edna formed just 10 days after Hurricane Carol and impacted the region on Saturday, September 11, 1954, but the damage was more localized to the Cape Cod area. Edna gave an already battered SouthCoast just a glancing blow.*

The 2013 Atlantic Hurricane season officially ends November 30th.

*Author's Note: While finishing this article, The Farmer's Almanac just came out with its annual weather prognostication. If you liked last year's*

*snowy and cold winter, than you'll love the long range forecast just released for this winter from our friends at The Farmer's Almanac. They claim to have an 84% accuracy rate in long-range forecasts. FYI: They nailed it last year with an incredible 95% accuracy!*

For more information on local hurricane history, album collections and stories visit <http://www.westislandweather.com>

### 1938 Hurricane Remembered

Blue Hill Observatory is very proud to host New England's commemorative event for the 75th Anniversary of the the historic 1938 Hurricane.

Featuring the Director of the National Weather Service, Dr. Louis Uccellini as keynote speaker, the luncheon and Hurricane Conference will dramatically recapture the events of that incredible day. Other presenters will include, Bob Thompson and Dave Vallee from the NWS office in Taunton MA, author Dr. William Minsinger and noted MIT Professor Dr. Kerry Emanuel. There will also be a video presentation by National Hurricane Director, Dr. Rick Knabb. The Conference will be held at Fuller Village in Milton MA on Saturday September 21st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will be followed by a 75th Anniversary Event at the Eliot Tower at 3:30 p.m. and a private reception at Blue Hill Observatory from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Reservations are now being accepted at \$45. (member/student/senior), \$55 non-member for the luncheon and Conference and \$25 (\$30 non-member) for the reception at Blue Hill Observatory. The Anniversary Event at Eliot Tower is open to the public at no charge.

To register and for more information, please contact Charles Orloff at 508-776-1879 or email [corloff@bluehill.org](mailto:corloff@bluehill.org). Payment may be made by check to Blue Hill Observatory sent to P.O. Box 187, Readville, MA 02137 or by credit card to Don McCasland at 617.696.0562. To pay by Paypal please go to our website-[www.bluehill.org](http://www.bluehill.org)

# BPW balks at installing drainage pipe in easement area

By Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

The question of whether the installation of 113 feet of drainage pipe is the financial responsibility of the Board of Public Works was raised at Monday night's meeting chaired by newly appointed Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson.

Lauren Francis, who has owned the land at Jerusalem Road since 1996, brought before the board a request for an order of conditions to be written to have an additional 113 feet of drainage pipe to be installed, along with repair of 26 feet of broken drainage pipe. Ms. Francis said that the current pipe does not drain properly due to having been broken since last spring, causing water to back up on Jerusalem Road.

The drainage easement is 260 feet long, in which 113 feet is a drainage swale with no pipe, according to Superintendent Vinnie Furtado.

Ms. Francis said that drainage has been an issue ever since she purchased the land, and added that the Conservation Committee approved the request of the additional 113 feet of storm drainage pipe.

On May 20th, Ms. Francis came before the Board of Public Works with the same request.

Mr. Hobson said the BPW is responsible to fix only the broken pipes, to which Ms. Francis responded that according to the easement plan drafted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in March of 1955, that the town is responsible for the entire 147 feet in question.

Fairhaven did not have a public works department in place in 1955. The land owned by Ms. Francis was a horse farm at the time of the MDPW draft.

Mr. Hobson asked out loud where the estimated \$6,000 was going to come from to install the additional pipe "if we are responsible for it."

He then asked Ms. Francis if she is willing to "chip into this, too?"

Ms. Francis responded by saying, "How can I chip into the town's

easement?"

"Because you're going to benefit from it," answered Mr. Hobson.

Ms. Francis told the board, "The blockage creates mosquitoes, which now becomes a Board of Health issue. It is the Board of Public Works' responsibility to fix this."

Board member Brain Wotten posed the question on what it would cost the BPW.

Mr. Furtado responded, "From my estimate, very low."

Vice Chair Michael Ristuccia addressed Ms. Francis by saying, "The money is not even an issue here. It's whether we have to do it or not."

Needing more information on whether the BPW is liable to do the

hydrant program for the Water Department. When asked by Mr. Hobson if it is "a good buy," Mr. Furtado agreed that it is.

Of the \$35,000 proposed, Mr. Furtado said that \$26,000 was "etched in stone" for design bidding and contract, where the remaining \$9,000 is a Not to Exceed fee.

Tata and Howard has been the primary engineer for the Fairhaven Water Department, according to Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Ristuccia recommended that the town get another quote from another company "to keep the folks honest." He said it would be "good business practice to do so."

The board voted 4-0 to table the proposal to the next meeting.

In other business, the board approved, 4-0, a change order of \$64,180.00 for Nuwater, Inc. for upgrades to pump stations. The money reflects the cost of eliminating the Aeration Basin walkways. Mr. Furtado said upon inspection of the walkways, that they were "structurally deficient" and would be cheaper to remove entirely than to repair.

The BPW also unanimously approved a request by the Church of the Good Shepherd to hold a community blessing of the animals on October 6th at Livesey Park from noon till 2PM. The Board of Park Commissioners sent the request to the BPW for approval.

Other items for action included a contractual payment of \$23,050.80 to Worldwide Industries for rehabbing the Boston Hill Road Water Tower, which was unanimously approved, as well as permission for the school department's request to place a radio repeater on the Boston Hill Road Water Tower.

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whether we have  
to do it or not  
[Michael Ristuccia]

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request, the board voted 4-0 to table the discussion to the next meeting September 9th.

In another appointment, Randy Moniz of 8 Vincent Street asked the board for a waiver to expand his driveway 24 feet for a two-car garage he is planning to build.

The board voted 4-0 in favor of the driveway expansion. Board member Steven Riley, who temporarily stepped down as head chairperson August 12 due to business conflicts, was not in attendance.

Theodore Charpentier of Jeannette Street failed to appear for his 6PM appointment for an undisclosed drainage request.

In items for action, the board discussed a \$35,000.00 proposal by Tata and Howard Engineering for the assessment and replacement of the

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Pete Rose, 1977



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would have to be in a rocky area, and would not, therefore, interfere with boating or other recreational uses of the water. The NC will soon be asking to be on the board's agenda.

"I think it's a great thing to do," said Mr. Cox.

The board also approved a donation of land on Akin Street by Michael McCormack, on the condition that the amount Mr. McCormack will have to pay in registry fees and other legal costs is clearly understood by him.

"We've had issues before," with recording fees, Mr. Espindola reminded the board.

In other business the board:

- Decided to hold off on voting to remove parking spaces from Adams Street between Route 6 and Bridge Street so it would be on an agenda and allow neighbors to address the board.
- Read a letter from town counsel Thomas Crotty stating clearly that the Selectboard does not have the authority to regulate the operating hours of the Fairhaven Shipyard. Neighbors have complained about noise, fumes, and airborne particles from power-washing and

spray painting. The DEP has been onsite for inspections. Mr. Crotty's letter did not say who does have authority to regulate the shipyard.

- Authorized Planning Director Bill Roth to submit a letter for Community Development Block Grant funds for Union Wharf.
- Referred to the Tree Warden a letter from resident Terry Cripps about a tree removal on Mulberry Street. Board members said they believed that NSTAR would have to remove some wires seen on the photo before the Tree Warden could act.
- Announced the opening for a Veterans' Office Administrative Assistant. Interested candidates need to submit resumes to the selectboard by 9/16.
- Gave permission for: the Buzzards Bay Coalition to hold its annual

Watershed Ride through town on 10/6 and to place signs up the week before; the Fairhaven Turkey Trot to take place on Thanksgiving Day, 11/28 at 8 a.m. starting at Cushman Park; Pretty Paws Bakery to hold a Halloween Dog Parade on 10/19 at 11 a.m., ending at Cushman Park.

- Created a committee to explore changing the health insurance plans for town employees. It will include a member of the Selectboard, the Board of Public Works, School Committee, and possibly the Finance Committee chair. Mr. Espindola will be the selectboard's representative.



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## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 9, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Trevor Hardy Location 211 Mill Road Plot 38 Lot 14 Purpose install 1MW solar farm within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the NRB.
- Request for Determination applicant Rene & Karen Manny Location 366 Bridge Street Plot 38 Lot 15 Purpose repair septic system within the NRB ONLY.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Arthur & Carol Traub Location 8 Nonquitt Ave. Plot 32A lots 156,157,167,168. Purpose upgrade septic system within a VE flood zone and within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Joseph Taylor, Chairman*

*Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

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the old ballplayer and  
the new ballplayer is  
the jersey. The old  
ballplayer cared about  
the name on the front.  
The new ballplayer  
cares about the  
name on the back.

*Steve Garvey*

## Still competing after all these years

The 14th National Senior Games were held this summer in Cleveland, Ohio, with 10,800 men and women, ages 50 and older, competing in 19 sports. Sheila Tunstall McKenna (Fairhaven High School Class of 1958), captain of the Connecticut High Fives 3-on-3 senior women's basketball team, playing in the 70-74 age bracket, came home with a bronze medal.

After opening up with a one-point loss to the North Carolina Silver Spirits, the High Fives defeated the Tennessee Smoky Mountain Mamas

and upset the California Class Act 70.

Coming out of pool play, at 2-1, the team was elevated into the AAA bracket, for medal play, seeded second behind the Tennessee Shooting Stars and drawing a first round bye.

After defeating a strong New Mexico team, McKenna's team lost to Tennessee, the eventual winners and sver medalists Michigan Spirits. The High Fives competed in six National Senior Games, winning medals in three of those tournaments.



Sheila Tunstall McKenna (holding the basketball), Captain, Connecticut High Fives Senior Women's 3-on-3 Basketball Team, graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1958 where she played softball, volleyball, and was captain of the basketball team, which won the Narragansett Girls League during the 57-58 season. *Submitted photo.*

## WHALEBOATS: cont'd from page 10

[www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

On Friday, September 6, there will be both men's and women's Rowing Races. On Saturday, September 7, there will be both men's and women's Sailing Races.

Adding a new level of excitement in 2013 is the inclusion of three American Beetle wooden whaleboats presently under construction. These three boats are being built to swing off the davits of the Charles W Morgan during its epic sail into New Bedford in July 2014. These Yankee Whaleboats are being built by several organizations, including the New Bedford Whaling Museum and also Mystic Seaport.

On Sunday, September 8, the three American Beetle Whaleboats will compete against the three Azorean Whaleboats in rowing and sailing

events. This is sure to lure the interest of wooden boat and sailing enthusiasts throughout New England and beyond. Not since the end of the whaling era has anything like this been seen.

### Schedule

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum.** Free Public Film Premier: Portuguese Consul Pedro Carneiro will host a reception welcoming our guests from the Azores. This will be followed at 6:30 by the world premier showing of the just completed documentary "Whales and Whalers" produced by the award winning Azorean film maker, Luis Filipe da Silva Bicudo. Mr. Bicudo will be present and will make some opening remarks.

**Thursday, September 5, 6:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum.** Free

Public Lecture: "The Sea of the Azores" by Filipe Mara Porteiro, PhD, Director of the Observatorio do Mar dos Acores

**Friday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. to approx 1:00 p.m. Clarks Cove, New Bedford.** All Azorean Whaleboat Rowing Competitions, Men's & Women's

**Friday, September 6, 6:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum.** Free Public Lecture: "The Azores Today" by Rui Amen, Director, Azores Tourism Board

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Tues., 9/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Tues., 9/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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# Letters from our readers

## **Wethington can't distance himself from Windwise**

I see how Fairhaven Board of Health Candidate John Wethington is now trying to distance himself from WindWise. He claims he isn't part of any particular group. I would believe this if it weren't so laughable! Let's take a look at his list of supporters and campaign workers.

Attorney Ann Denardis, who represented John in court for the recall, pro-bono. DeNardis is a member of WindWise, has been vehemently opposed to the turbines even before they were erected.

Wethington will be holding a campaign fundraiser at the home of Dawn & Curt Devlin. The Devlins are two of the more colorful characters of WindWise. You may know these authors who frequently bring up "Nazi experiments," "cutting out cancers," "Nuremberg Code" and accusing most town officials of wrongdoings.

Then there is Wethington's long time friend John Methia. Methia is the gentleman who is behind a lot of the videos WindWise puts out. Methia is also the man behind the Facebook page. All are involved with Wind Wise.

Ken Pottel, another member of WindWise is the Chairman of the PAC, Change Fairhaven.

Boy have these folks "Changed Fairhaven," let's see how much money they give to Wethington for his campaign?

So we are expected to believe John Wethington is not part of this group? How many times do we have to poke holes in their "stories" before the truth comes out? The truth is that a vote for Wethington is a vote for higher taxes.

Wethington and current Board of Health Commissioner Barbara Acksen, another WindWise member, will vote to shut down the turbines. The turbine developer will then take this town to court and win! The taxpayers will pay for any judgment against the town. We will be forced to borrow money to pay the judgment or reduce town services until you cannot reduce them anymore.

Either way the taxpayers pay!

The mission of WindWise is to remove the turbines. They have no desire to mitigate with the developer. Do not believe the ads Mr. Wethington has put out! Their is a saying that " all

politicians lie." Mr. Wethington I would never call you a liar, I will say, that you are not telling us the truth!

*Daniel Freitas*

## **BOH members need to know right from wrong**

Fairhaven's special election is about more than turbines. It's about putting somebody on the Board of Health that is honest and at least has the intellectual capacity to tell right from wrong. What qualifies to serve is clear and clearly the incumbent is lacking. The political signs in the yards of some who I had believed were friends make me wonder what drives people and what friendship means. I have to believe more goes into voting than yard signs and sign holding.

To those who know me or only think they know me, know this: continuing to support individuals like the former Selectman or Peter DeTerra you are helping destroy the fabric of this town. This special election is about putting somebody on the Board of Health who knows enough to make the right decision and has the courage to follow through. A representative democracy can only work if its representatives have the intellectual capacity and the moral integrity to understand and do their jobs.

Over the summer, thinking those who were suffering with sleep deprivation could be placated with a short-term fix, DeTerra finally voted to allow the Health Board to declare them a nuisance and to order a 7 to 7 shutdown compromise. A few weeks later the boss of Palmer Capital and Fairhaven Wind, Gordon Deane and his partners Sumul Shah and Jim Sweeney, ignored the order and turned the turbines back on.

Regardless of what one thinks of the turbines, this was law breaking. The Health Board met and DeTerra and Lopes said OK never mind. Why didn't the Board drag this developer into court and ask a judge to order daily fines? Why instead did the Health Board ignore Barbara Acksen who was the Health Board's representative in talks with the developer? Why did DeTerra and Lopes vote for a motion to turn the turbines back on without declaring the nuisance ended? Why did the motion sound like lawyers for the developer had

written it? Did the town lawyer write it?

What happened to me is a matter of public record, it was an issue in the spring election, it still is. I made it so and I bring it up again. Brian Bowcock penned a letter filled with false accusations in an attempt to damage my reputation. DeTerra helped him and repeated the lies at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association Debate this past spring. I can only surmise it was because I disagreed with them and had the audacity to speak up. I like to believe this issue had something to do with making the poison pen writer a former selectman. His partner in this twisted endeavor, Peter DeTerra, is getting a second chance for reelection.

What you may think about turbines or me is not the issue. It isn't just that Peter won't wage a fight for what's right; the problem is he doesn't know what's right. Is that the kind of man you want representing you?

*Henry Ferreira*

## **Anti turbine group serves self, not town**

The vocation of Public Service helps people through government policy and action. The obsession of Politics promotes personal careers and party agendas. Fairhaven, like many New England towns, encourages the public to know, respect and serve the community. Some Town Meeting members have served all their adult lives, whether they are 19 or 91.

Volunteers on the Finance Committee pore over a multi-million dollar budget, making decisions that demand the Wisdom of Solomon. Volunteers, at the urging of the Town Meeting, have and will spend hundreds of hours in the work of the Town Government Study Committee.

Selectmen and Board members educate themselves to deal with complex governmental issues. For instance, the Chairman of the Board of Health spends 20-25 hours a week as part of this Board's regulatory function. Mr. De Terra paid for most of the training leading to his 15 licenses and certifications, uniquely qualifying him for membership on that Board.

Many Town Meeting members attend Selectmen and Board meetings in person or on the government access channel. They research issues,

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uncovering the history of earlier town decisions, so they actually know, respect and serve Fairhaven. They epitomize Public Service.

In contrast, over the last few years a group with an agenda that serves itself and not Fairhaven has systematically attacked Fairhaven. They raided a Selectmen's meeting in December of 2011, with video camera rolling, intruded on the agenda, badgered the Selectmen, caused the cancellation of the meeting and then posted their video on the Wind Turbine Syndrome website.

Members of this same group have demanded their First Amendment right to free speech, but failed to respect the same right for those who disagreed with them. Members of this group repeatedly publish disrespectful comments about public officials, not only Fairhaven officials, but even those of other towns because these officials support wind turbine generated green energy.

Bernard Meltzer advised, "If you have learned how to disagree without being disagreeable, then you have discovered the secret of getting along — whether it be business, family (or town) relations, or life itself."

The question the Fairhaven voter has to ask on September 9, 2013, is this: "Do I want a candidate backed by those disagreeable few who raid Selectmen's meetings, deny free speech to others and insult town officials, or do I want a candidate who has proven himself a person who knows, respects and serves Fairhaven?"

*Donald J. Mulcare*

### **The Marcellus Shale and the Fairhaven Turbines**

In 2011 the town of Fairhaven entered into negotiations with Fairhaven Wind LLC. There was no public input and the contract was never given overview by anyone outside of the BOS, Jeff Osuch, and Town Counsel Tom Crotty. The agreement that was reached failed to protect the town and future money that the town would receive was based on the price of electricity.

However in the contract the developer was guaranteed a 2.3% increase each year. The town was promised, but not in writing, of a minimum of \$200,000 a year and of

future profits for the town of up to \$500,000\* per year. This past year the town received \$152,000. So the question that must be asked is why would the town leave itself to the mercy of market forces and what will happen in the future.

The recent development in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio may provide the answer for what Fairhaven can expect to earn from the turbines. In a region known as the Marcellus Shale one of the world's largest deposits of shale natural gas has been discovered and hundreds of wells have been and will be drilled in this region. The Marcellus Shale is located in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio. The 400-year-old rock Marcellus shale formation is estimated to contain more than 410 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and could supply U.S. consumers' energy needs for hundreds of years.

There are plans to bring a pipe line of this cheap fuel to New England. Already we have started to see the results.

Almost all of our electricity comes from plants that use clean natural gas and the price of natural gas has nose dived from 12 dollars a cubic yard to just over four dollars a cubic yard. This has resulted in NSTAR being able to continue to announce reductions in the price based on the cost per Kilowatt. There is every reason to believe that this will continue.

What this means to Fairhaven is that the amount of money they receive from the resale of electricity on the grid will continue to stay the same or even decrease while at the same time the amount of money each year that they have to pay the developer will increase by 2.3%. So even if the price of electricity doesn't change each year the amount that Fairhaven receives will decrease.

Whether you support shale gas or not the boom is here to stay and this can only result in keeping prices of electricity at the current rate or even at a lower rate which means less money for the Town of Fairhaven not more as some have claimed.

However, the developer is guaranteed in the contract to receive an increase each year which over a period of time could result in a net loss to the town.

The new group Friends of Fairhaven (Wind) have made

unfounded claims that the revenue in the coming years will increase, but the current trends do not support their claims. They also have repeatedly talked about town meeting voting for the turbines.

When town meeting voted for the turbines they were told that they would bring in a minimum of 200K and up to 500K. Well we now know this projection was not only off but was way off. Town meeting was also promised that there would be no noise problems.

So when a group makes claims that town meeting voted on a project they need to include what information was presented to town meeting and if this information turned out to be accurate. It is important for any group that makes claims to do their homework and not just make claims without data to back this up. It is unfortunate that Friends of Fairhaven (Wind) have chosen to cherry pick information and refuse to acknowledge the suffering of so many who live near the turbines.

*Kenneth Pottel*

*\*Although this figure has been used often, the Neighb News can find no reference to \$500,000 being promised to the town from the Wind Turbines*

### **Enough is Enough**

Leafing through last week's Fairhaven Neighborhood News (FNN), the phrase "sanctimonious Town Counsel" jumped out at me and I knew instantly that this was another missive from Curt Devlin. It seems that Mr. Devlin cannot write anything without personal attacks on people's character. A month ago (FNN 7/25), he is once again citing Nuremberg to try to compare the operation of wind turbines in Falmouth with Nazi war crimes while referencing 25-year-old data from downwind turbines on lattice towers (which are not comparable to the current technology for upwind turbines on monopole towers). But Mr. Devlin is never one to let facts get in the way of his attempts at character assassination.

A week before that (FNN 7/18), he is questioning the ethics of Town Counsel Tom Crotty as well Health Agent Patricia Fowle, suggesting both of them be terminated, presumably only because he was unhappy with a questionnaire that was sent out. (By

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the way, none of the recipients who had had their complaints forwarded to Fairhaven Wind are confidential; nor would any other complainant be if any party wanted to file a public records request.) To remove Crotty and Fowle is, in Mr. Devlin's jargon, the same as performing "emergency cancer surgery." His ability to denigrate people knows no bounds.

This past week, no one, not even Windwise advocate Ann DeNardis is beyond Mr. Devlin's scorn. How insulting is it to say that Ms. DeNardis, a lawyer who has represented opponents in court in several actions against the Town, finds the two sentence motion made by Ms. Lopes to be "incomprehensible"? It was published in FNN (8/1) and, while many people won't recognize the reference to CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations), this should be pretty standard for a lawyer and the text is not obtuse.

Mr. Devlin goes on to insult Dr. Aksen for being "at a loss to explain" the language, although she had every opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. Mr. Devlin then suggests that Ms. Lopes and Dr. Aksen should

have gotten together before the meeting to provide more "open and honest government," which is laughable since it would have been a clear violation of the open meeting law (which he loves to cite).

Fairhaven Wind has made every effort to stay out of the political realm in Fairhaven. Neither Fairhaven Wind nor Palmer Management nor any party associated with Fairhaven Wind or Palmer has, to our knowledge, made any political contributions to any candidate or interest group in Fairhaven. However, we cannot sit idly by while Mr. Devlin continues his harangues which question the integrity of Fairhaven Wind and other parties.

So to set the record straight: (1) Mr. Crotty has never been compensated by Fairhaven Wind, its agents, or business associates, nor would he be in the future while working for the Town. Fairhaven Wind would never ask and he would never accept. Mr. Crotty has always shown the highest standards in his representation of the Town. (2) The language proposed by Ms. Lopes was not drafted by counsel for Fairhaven Wind, although there

would be nothing wrong with Fairhaven Wind suggesting language. We had no idea that the motion was going to be made or what was in it. To call Ms. Lopes an "unwitting patsy" or to suggest she is under the control of "puppet master, Brian Bowcock" are just further degrading insults which do not move forward any intelligent discussion. (3) While I think Dr. Bowcock is a fine gentleman, he is not my "pal." The only time I have ever spent with Dr. Bowcock is sitting across the table from him in negotiations or at meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

The focus of Fairhaven Wind has been to mitigate not litigate. This requires calm, reasoned discussion. Mr. Devlin's attempts to castigate all who do not agree with him (and some who do) are not helpful. We can only hope that his Windwise cohorts will ask him to chill. Certainly any elected official and all candidates for elected office should disavow this type of inflammatory rhetoric.

*FAIRHAVEN WIND LLC by its manager,  
Palmer Management Corporation,  
Gordon L. Deane, President*

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their work in a gallery-like setting, but also for use of the building for other events such as meetings and presentations.

Mr. Grace was looking for an endorsement from the Selectboard to approach the CPC for funding to restore the rest of the exterior, which Mr. Grace said would keep its historical façade, and make repairs to the interior, as well.

There are some leftover CPC funds from the Severance Property project that never came to fruition that Town Meeting could rescind and possibly allocate toward the Perry Hill Church restoration.

There was some talk about getting a plan together in time for the next Town Meeting, but the possibility of that happening is

uncertain.

Mr. Dakin said he was in favor for applying for CPC money for the restoration; however he was reluctant to commit to a single use for the building, especially so early in the process and with no concrete plans proposed. He suggested other uses such as an indoor farmer's market, theater groups, and private events like baby showers.

Mr. Grace reminded Mr. Dakin that he was not solely proposing an art gallery, and he pointed out that he was associated with Gallery X in New Bedford, also a renovated church, where they host an array of events besides art exhibitions, such as poetry readings and music events.

Joyce Reynolds, a CPC and

Historical Commission member, told Mr. Dakin that what Mr. Grace was proposing was, in fact, a multi-use "cultural" center, where things like quilting, cooking, languages, and history all fall under the culture umbrella.

"Don't get stuck on the arts part of it," Ms. Reynolds told the board.

Selectboard Member Kevin Gaspar encouraged members of the public to submit their ideas for the old church as well, and Board Member David Wojnar said he looks forward to seeing a plan of some kind in the near future.

"You certainly have my support," said Mr. Dakin. "The older I get the more I appreciate antiques."

"Because you are one," replied Ms. Reynolds.

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public hearing.

"Don't forget to include the 'high' points," Mr. Budryk told Mr. Roth in one of his routine Frankisms.

In other business, the Definitive Subdivision public hearing for Mary Vander Pol of Earle Street was continued until 9/24 because no revised plans had been submitted. Some abutters expressed agitation

upon leaving the continued hearing with one neighbor getting snippy with Mr. Ferreira, also working on the Vander Pol project, because Ms. Vander Pol still has yet to file with the Conservation Commission.

# Planning still won't give in on parking for new eatery

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Even though she scaled down her plans to accommodate for more parking, it is still not good enough for the Fairhaven Planning Board to give Kathy Melanson approval — not while lacking ten of the 101 required parking spaces for the proposed EJ's Brooklynne Diner at 111 Huttleston Avenue.

Ms. Melanson revised the plan by eliminating the proposed patio seating area for the new restaurant. She also reduced the outdoor ice cream seating at Emma Jean's from 36 to 30 seats. The result of the changes reduces the parking space requirement to 101 spaces, which leaves the property short by 10 spots.

The board scrutinized the plans without having seen them for the most part, relying mostly on Engineer Henry Ferreira's description. Chairperson Wayne Hayward expressed how he was little irked that they only had just received the revised plans that afternoon, leaving no time to study them.

Ms. Melanson clashed with the board over the importance of the ten spaces. She criticized the Town's bylaw calling it "excessive."

If every business in Town were forced to strictly abide by the bylaw, Ms. Melanson said, "Fairhaven would be nothing but a concrete jungle."

She said currently at the Emma Jean's location she always has extra parking, unlike other businesses in Town like Dunkin Donuts on Howland Road, Earl's Marina on a Friday night, and Wal-Mart on Black Friday.

"I'm not asking for the world, I'm asking for ten (spaces)," said Ms. Melanson. "I gotta tell you I'm a little stressed right now."

Ms. Melanson went on to say that what she is doing is beautifying the Town, bringing new employment, and, with no disrespect to Mr. Bobola (the former owner of the property), a business that will look nicer than the old Huttleston House.

"This is a big nut for us to crack," said Ms. Melanson. "Are you really concerned?" she asked the board. "I feel like the world is against me right now."

Ms. Melanson's discourse was interrupted by a call to "sum it up" by Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Hayward gave an ominous warning to one supporter of Ms. Melanson's plan, Andrew Sievers, a resident of Fairhaven who also provides professional services to Ms. Melanson, saying that he should be careful of what he says to the board, especially when an application requiring a two-thirds vote for approval is involved.

"I wouldn't go picking fights with any member of the board," said Mr. Hayward.

This came moments after Mr. Sievers opened up a can of defensive worms with Board Member Rene Fluerent, Jr., accusing Mr. Fluerent of unfairly rejecting the plan before even looking at it.

Mr. Fluerent earlier stated that he

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would be unable to support the plan unless Ms. Melanson provided the rest of the ten spaces. He called Mr. Sievers out of order and Mr. Hayward backed up Mr. Fluerent, saying, "We're trying to do our job here...this is a public hearing...This is how it works."

Mr. Hayward defended the board saying that it was not "business unfriendly" and Mr. Fluerent reiterated that he had "strong reservations" toward the plans.

Tension initially began building earlier in the meeting after one Rogers Street neighbor needed an ancillary explanation of the impact a blanket easement on the property would mean for the neighborhood, especially spill-over parking onto Holcomb Street.

Ms. Melanson bit her nails but kept her cool as Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth explained over and over again to Doug Barresi of 20 Rogers Street how parking would be recorded very specifically in the easement, while

some of the people in attendance who support Ms. Melanson, over a dozen, let out annoyed sighs.

Board Member Frank Budryk defended Ms. Melanson, agreeing that the bylaw was "excessive" and that he felt Ms. Melanson had succeeded in accommodating the board's request to provide more parking.

A quick polling of the board at the end of the public hearing showed the majority (4-3) of members weren't willing to let the ten spaces slide, with Mr. Fluerent again expressing his reservations until adjustments to the plans were made.

Mr. Roth asked Mr. Fluerent to give examples of some adjustments he would like to see on the plans for the next meeting, which quickly escalated into a quarrel between the two after Mr. Fluerent declined to give specific examples.

Mr. Hayward halted Mr. Roth saying, "I won't allow a member to be grilled."

Mr. Fluerent stated that he felt "challenged" by Mr. Roth to which Mr. Roth replied, "I'm not challenging you, Mr. Fluerent," adding all he needed was clarification on the changes Mr. Fluerent was requesting.

The matter was continued until 9/10.

Also at the meeting, the board voted to draft a request for a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in Fairhaven (MMD) in order to take their time researching the issue and possibly draft regulating legislation.

The vote followed a discussion during which a proposed MMD was identified as having applied with the State for a location in Fairhaven.

One of 181 applications in the State, and one of nine in Bristol County, Compassionate Care Clinic is looking to establish a MMD and has signed a proposed lease agreement with Coastal Commercial real Estate for 2 Pequod Street, pending acceptance by the State.

A one-year moratorium would require a vote by Town Meeting and, so far, a Fall Town Meeting has not yet been called.

The board voted to have Mr. Roth draft the moratorium request which he will forward to the Selectboard before scheduling a subsequent

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# FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES

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## F-1: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

TIME: STOP:

- 6:55 .....Balsam St & Fisherman Rd
- 6:56 .....Fisherman Rd & Cottonwood St
- 6:57 .....Cottowood St & Goulart Memorial Dr
- 7:04 .....Grandview Ave & Sconticut Neck Rd
- 7:06 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Capeview St
- 7:08 .....Wigwam Beach Rd & Sconticut Neck Rd
- 7:10 .....Delmont St & Sconticut Neck Rd
- 7:11 .....Edgewater St & Sconticut Neck Rd
- 7:15 .....Wayne St & Sconticut Neck Rd
- 7:18 .....Alden Rd & Shirley St
- 7:20 .....Bridge St & Roy St

## F-2: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:06 .....New Boston Rd & Alexander Ln
- 7:08 .....New Boston Rd & Charity Stevens Ln
- 7:13 .....Bridge St. & New Boston Rd.
- 7:17 .....Mill Rd & Hidden Dr
- 7:21 .....Mill Rd & Eddy St

## F-3: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:04 .....Hathaway St. & Sconticut Neck Rd.
- 7:05 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Bonney St.
- 7:06 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Austria Ave.
- 7:07 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Reservation Rd.
- 7:08 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Smith St.
- 7:09 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.
- 7:13 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winesegansett Ave.
- 7:14 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Nobska Ave.
- 7:27 .....Alden Rd. & Laura Ln.
- 7:28 .....Boston Hill Rd. & Roseanne Dr.

## F-4: HIGH SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:09 .....Gellete Rd & Judson Dr.
- 7:14 .....Shaw Rd & Fruit St
- 7:17 .....Shaw Rd & Forestview Dr
- 7:21 .....Route 6 & Sylvia St
- 7:24 .....Route 6 & Nasketucket Way
- 7:27 .....Route 6 & Ocean Meadows



## F-5: HIGH SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:09 .....Alden Rd. & Tootle Ln.
- 7:10 .....Alden Rd. & Deerfield Ln.
- 7:12 .....Alden Rd. & Faith Ave.
- 7:14 .....Oliver St. & Mina St.
- 7:15 .....Oliver St. & Oliver St.
- 7:16 .....Oliver St. & Rivard St.
- 7:18 .....Alden Rd. & Sharon St.
- 7:19 .....Staffon Rd. & Long Rd.

## F-6: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:17 .....Rte 6 & Arsene St.
- 7:18 .....Weeden Rd. & Dartmouth St.
- 7:19 .....Weeden Rd. & Mark Dr.
- 7:20 .....Babbit St. & Studley St.
- 7:22 .....Blossom St. & Hill St.
- 7:22 .....Hill St. & Brook Dr.
- 7:24 .....Rte. 6 & Bates St.

## F-7: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

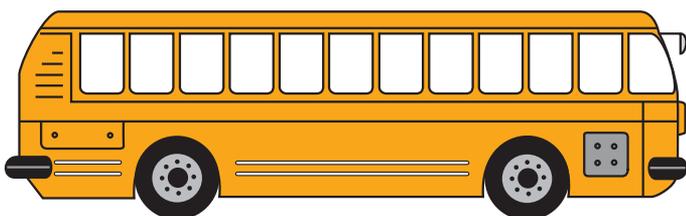
- 7:18 .....Narragansett Blvd & Elmwood Ave
- 7:21 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Jameson St
- 7:21 ..... Little Bay Rd & Sconticut Neck Rd

## F-8: HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7:21 .....Main St & St. Mary's Church

## F-1: WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 8:05 .....Balsam St & Fisherman Rd



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# FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013-2014 BUS ROUTES

8:06 .....Fisherman Rd & Cottonwood St  
 8:07 .....Cottonwood St & Goulart Memorial Dr  
 8:14 .....Camel St & Sconticut Neck Rd  
 8:17 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Ocean Ave  
 8:18 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Capeview St  
 8:20 .....Wigwam Rd & Sconticut Neck Rd  
 8:22 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Delmont St  
 8:24 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Edgewater St  
 8:25 .....Sconticut Neck Rd & Hathaway St

## F-3: WOOD SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:10 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Hathaway St.  
 8:11 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Reservation Rd.  
 8:12 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Smith St.  
 8:13 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Briercliffe Rd.  
 8:15 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Winegansett Ave.  
 8:16 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Starboard Dr.  
 8:17 .....Sconticut Neck Rd. & Island View Rd

## F-6: WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:17 .....North St & Castle Ave  
 8:20 .....Bridge St & Park Ave  
 8:21 .....Bridge St & Mulberry St  
 8:21 .....Bridge St & Bridge Ct  
 8:21 .....Bridge St & Homestead Ave  
 8:22 .....Bridge St & Rogers St

## F-7: WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:05 .....Ash St & Hastings Middle School  
 8:06 .....Adams St & Hemlock St  
 8:08 .....Century Dr & Kacy Ln  
 8:10 .....Main St & Hedge St  
 8:10 .....Main St & Taber St  
 8:12 .....Beach St & Howland Rd  
 8:13 .....Sycamore St & Dean St  
 8:14 .....Sycamore St & Morgan St  
 8:17 .....Alden Rd & Oliver St  
 8:18 .....Boston Hill Rd & Roseanne Dr  
 8:19 .....Alden Rd & Long Rd  
 8:21 .....Shirley St & Lincoln Dr

## F-8: WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:19 .....South St & Rogers School

## F-9: WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

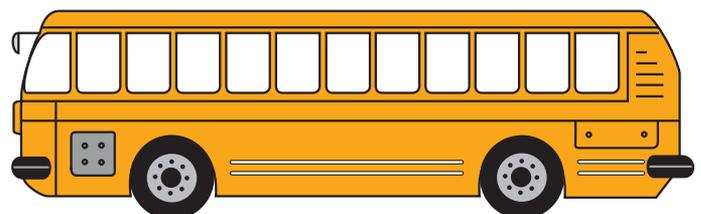
8:26 .....Washington St & Elizabeth St  
 8:27 .....Washington St & Bryant Ln  
 8:27 .....Washington St & McGann Terrace  
 8:28 .....Washington St & Adams St  
 8:28 .....Washington St & Chestnut St  
 8:30 .....Main St & Spring St  
 8:30 .....Spring St & Walnut St  
 8:30 .....Spring St & Laurel St  
 8:30 .....Spring St & Terry St  
 8:31 .....Spring St & Autumn St  
 8:32 .....Spring St & Rochambeau St

## F-2 YELLOW: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:07 .....Adams St & Hemlock St  
 8:09 .....Adams St & Century St  
 8:10 .....Brown St & Houle St  
 8:11 .....Houle St & Howland Rd  
 8:17 .....Narragansett St & Elmwood Ave  
 8:19 .....Mill Rd & Eddy St  
 8:20 .....Mill St & Meadow Ln  
 8:21 .....Mill St & Shady Dr  
 8:22 .....Mill St & Antone Dr  
 8:23 .....Mill St & Yankee Ln  
 8:26 .....475 Bridge St  
 8:28 .....New Boston Rd & Charity Stevens Ln  
 8:30 .....366 New Boston Rd.  
 8:31 .....352 New Boston Rd.



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## RED: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:09 .....Gellette Rd. & Rte. 6  
 8:13 .....Gellette Rd. & Judson Dr.  
 8:17 .....Gellette Rd. & Suvenchy Dr.  
 8:21 .....Shaw Rd. & Stoney Cove Tr.  
 8:24 .....Shaw Rd. & Redwood dr.  
 8:27 .....Shaw Rd. & Forestview Dr.  
 8:31 .....Shaw Rd. & Rte. 6  
 8:34 .....Rte.6 & Perry St.  
 8:37 .....Rte.6 & Jeannette St.

## BLUE: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7:59 .....Harding Rd & Saratoga St  
 8:00 .....Harding Rd & Sycamore St  
 8:01 .....Sycamore St & Magnolia St  
 8:02 .....Sycamore St & Alpine Ave  
 8:04 .....Sycamore St & Morgan St  
 8:05 .....Sycamore St & Howland Rd  
 8:06 .....Howland Rd & Garrison St  
 8:09 .....Howland & Houle St

## BLUE 5A: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:23 .....Rte. 6 & Stone St  
 8:24 .....Rte.6 & Ocean Meadows  
 8:26 .....Weeden Rd & Dartmouth St  
 8:27 .....Weeden Rd & Shawmut St  
 8:27 .....Shawmut St & Mark Dr  
 8:30 .....Weeden Rd & Mark Dr  
 8:32 .....Babbit St & Studley St  
 8:33 .....Blossom St & Hill St  
 8:34 .....Hill St & Brook Dr

## GREEN: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY

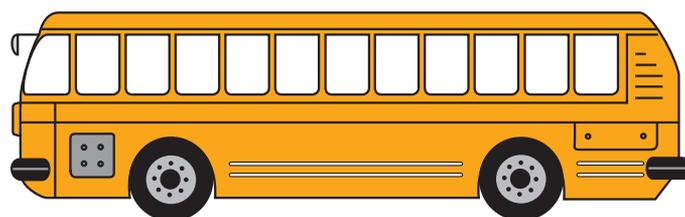
8:19 .....Main St & Haste St  
 8:20 .....Main St & Harding  
 8:21 .....Main St & Hawthorne St  
 8:22 .....Main St & Alpine Ave  
 8:22 .....Main St & Morgan St  
 8:23 .....Main St & Dean St  
 8:23 .....Main St & Wilding St  
 8:24 .....Main St & Taber St

## ORANGE: EAST FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY

8:15 .....Alden Rd & Nicholas St  
 8:16 .....Alden Rd & Jesse St  
 8:17 .....Alden Rd & Deerfield Ln  
 8:18 .....Alden Rd & Hawthorne St  
 8:20 .....Oliver St & Charles St  
 8:21 .....Oliver St & Mina St  
 8:21 .....Oliver St & Oliver St (head of circle south end)  
 8:22 .....Oliver St & Rivard St (end of circle north end)  
 8:24 .....Alden Rd & Marguerite St  
 8:25 .....Alden Rd & Manuel St

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