

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh my. This is one of those weeks when I just want to put a big picture in because I have about two minutes before my printer is calling looking for this thing.

First, Halloween this week. Home haunts this weekend (see page 16-18); Halloween Horribles parade on Sunday (see page 6). Lots of meeting coverage. See for yourself. Fun Planning Board meeting (page 13). I have to watch that one. We have some people who don't want marijuana in our town. Go figure.

Like my new picture? ML Baron took that the day we lost the prop (see www.BethDavid.net/blog).

So much to write about. The murder. Oh, that awful murder. See page 3 for what I found out this week. I went to the neighborhood to learn a bit about Joyce Howland. Not about the murder, although I'm as curious as anyone. I figure, though, that the murder is the domain of the police. We'll get the story soon enough.

No, it was Joyce herself I wanted to know about. I admit, I wasn't having much luck, until I got very lucky. Joyce's Goddaughter happened by while I was talking to a neighbor. I finally got a sense of who Joyce was. It sounds to me like she was lots of fun.

The neighbors are worried. And they should be. I know the police are saying there is no danger. It could mean they have the person who did this, or that they are watching him (or them), who knows. I know what they mean, that this particular person isn't going to hurt anyone around here, at least not right now.

And it is nice to know that there isn't a gang of roving murderers running around.

But it doesn't matter that she knew him (we'll figure on it being a man for now), or how she knew him. The fact is, she crossed paths with the wrong guy. She didn't engage in the kind of risky behavior that would have her crossing paths with criminals of any kind, leastwise a murderer.

There is no way to make us feel better.

It could have been any of us.

There are so many rumors, some are undoubtedly true, some will be found out to be fabrications. In any case, the "why" of it does not really matter. If he thought she had good pain drugs in the house or money or jewelry; whether she knew him from a graduate class or from a local bar or because he delivered something to her house or because he worked on her house, makes no difference. It could've been any one of us.

"Uneasy" is the word I kept hearing in the neighborhood, such a quiet, friendly neighborhood.

The night I was there people were still walking around and being friendly. I don't know the place well enough to know if it was all that different than before. I do know that the little house on Hamlet Street was neat as a pin. It looked like it was waiting for its fun-loving, nap-loving, heavy-smoking, social butterfly of an owner to come home and feed the cat.

No one knows what happened to the cat. Guess I didn't get that into the article. I meant to call the ACO and find out about it, but I didn't get around to it.

Until next week then...



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Officials still mum on details of Joyce Howland's murder

By Beth David
Editor

Officials are not giving away any details on the murder of Joyce Howland despite rumors flying around among residents who are hungry for some facts. The body of the 69-year-old retired elementary school teacher was discovered last Tuesday, 10/15, in her home at 12 Hamlet Street, Fairhaven. Police and the District Attorney's office have repeatedly emphasized that the public is not in danger, a sentiment reiterated by Bristol County DA spokesperson Gregg Miliote on Wednesday.

"As a result of our investigation thus far, we strongly believe that the victim and the assailant or assailants were known to one another and that this was not a random act of violence and therefore there is, in our strong belief, no reason for the public in Fairhaven to fear any imminent threat due to this case," said Mr. Miliote.

He also said that Fairhaven police and state police homicide investigators are continuing to work on the case.

"Significant progress is being made in the investigation," said Mr. Miliote.

"They are working on various leads on an almost hourly basis."

Meanwhile, there is an "uneasiness" in the neighborhood, a word used by several people who live in the Hamlet Homes development, a quiet and quaint subdivision of modest houses off Route 6 in East Fairhaven and bordered to the south by Fairhaven's scenic bike path, with its wide views of the marshes leading to Little Bay and Nasketucket Bay.

It seems the perfect place for someone like Ms. Howland, who lived alone, and, according to neighbors, was pleasant and friendly, but mostly kept to herself.

"She was a very nice woman," said a young man who lives on the block but did not want his name used. He said he did not know her well, but that she always waved and they often engaged in "small talk."

"It's shocking," he said. "For something like this to happen in this community is absolutely shocking. It's horrible."

"She was a good neighbor, she never bothered anybody," said Barbara Faunce, who lives just a few houses



A Teddy bear and some roses, one left by Joyce Howland's Goddaughter, sit on the steps to the porch at the house where Ms. Howland lived and was found murdered last Tuesday, Oct. 15. Beth David photo.

away with her husband. "Nobody deserves to die like that."

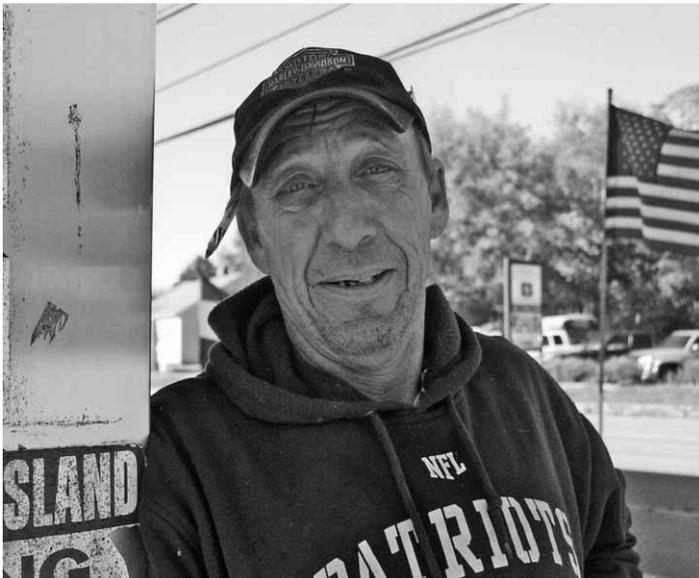
She said the neighbors were all searching for information, but could get very little, except when the State Police went by, they told her there was no forced entry, so it was likely someone she knew.

"She kept to herself," said Ms. Faunce about Ms. Howland. "No one has a bad word to say about her, because we don't know her."

Even Nick Mello, who lived right next door and helped Ms. Howland

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Selectboard makes no decision on town counsel, marijuana

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

There was plenty of food for thought, but no firm decisions, as town officials interviewed town counsel candidates, mulled over a proposal for a medical marijuana dispensary, and debated proposals from an energy management services firm during the Oct. 21 selectboard meeting.

Selectboard members interviewed representatives from Boston law firm Kopelman & Paige and New Bedford attorney Joseph L. Michaud, as well as current Town Counsel Thomas P. Crotty, giving each candidate 20 minutes to explain how they would provide the town the best value.

Mark Rich from Kopelman & Paige, a mid-sized firm that specializes in municipal law, and which represents about 120 cities, towns, transportation and housing authorities across the state, promised the collective legal expertise of 50 lawyers and free educational workshops for town officials so that they could make informed decisions on their own for certain matters. He assured the selectboard that the company would cap the town's legal expenses at \$125,000 for the year. When Selectboard Chair Charles Murphy reminded Mr. Rich of a past situation where Kopelman & Paige refused to waive an \$80 fee when the firm went over its estimated budget for legal services, Mr. Rich replied that he was confident the firm would stay below the stated budget, and that if the town went over, the excess would be on the company.

Mr. Crotty, who has served as Fairhaven Town Counsel for the past 35 years, was skeptical of Kopelman & Paige's promises to absorb legal costs over the \$125,000 cap.

"If someone says that you're guaranteed not to go over a certain rate, it means they're not going to be working," he said. "I'm not going to say I'll take on a case and then undercut the work and not do it just to avoid charging you a fee."

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth noted that Mr. Crotty, who charges \$160 an hour, could not recall whether his legal fees had exceeded the legal services budget last year. Mr. Crotty pointed out that not all the charges were necessarily for his

services, but also included other fees such as filing fees, court costs, and outside expert consulting fees that are paid out of the legal services budget.

The big money item is litigation, he told the board, and with the number of ongoing cases, including lawsuits relating to the turbines, there was no way to avoid litigation costs unless the town did not get involved in lawsuits.

"If you don't get sued, you don't have big legal fees," he said.

When the selectboard asked Mr. Michaud how he would differentiate himself from Mr. Crotty, the other local attorney in the running, Mr. Michaud stressed his extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution methods and the fact that he would be less likely to litigate.

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[Joseph Michaud]

and alternative dispute resolution is a large part of law today," he said. "I've built a career of bringing people together to try to avoid disputes. Avoid litigation and that will reduce your legal costs."

While Mr. Michaud acknowledged Mr. Crotty's vast institutional knowledge, thanks to all his years as Fairhaven town counsel, he pointed out that as a New Bedford lawyer and Dartmouth resident, he also had an understanding of the issues and challenges important to the people in the area. He added that his 12 years of experience as a member of the Dartmouth selectboard and town finance committee gave him a unique perspective compared to the other candidates.

"I know what it's like to be in your shoes," he told the board.

In the interest of public disclosure,

Selectboard Chair Charles Murphy announced that Mr. Michaud also served on a commission for M.O. L.I.F.E., a non-profit agency founded by Mr. Murphy.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola, who was part of a wind-turbine-related lawsuit against the town before he became a selectboard member, asked Mr. Michaud why he failed to disclose on his resume that he had briefly worked for the legal firm of Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis, who has handled the anti-wind-turbine-related lawsuits against the town.

Mr. Michaud said it was an inadvertent omission and explained that he had not gained much experience from his work with her firm, as it was only for a few years at the beginning of his career just after law school. He said the connection had ended more than 20 years ago.

"If you're asking if I have continuing ties to that entity, the answer is no," he said.

The selectboard stated that they intended to consider all three applications further before issuing a final decision.

The board also announced that they would hold off making an official decision on writing a letter of support for a proposed medical marijuana facility, although both Mr. Murphy and fellow board member Geoffrey Haworth stated they would be in favor of the project.

Michelle Stormo and Holly Carroll, president and vice-president of Compassionate Care Clinics, a non-profit agency that is one of 135 applicants vying for 35 licenses that will be issued statewide to operate a medical marijuana facility, presented their plans and answered questions about security and accessibility issues from the selectboard and board of health member Barbara Acksen.

Ms. Stormo explained that, unlike the majority of companies that are flooding into the state with an eye to making a profit through the sale of medical marijuana, Compassionate Care Clinics intended to operate as a community-based drug education program and addiction prevention center.

Ms. Stormo, who is a substance abuse clinic director at Gosnold, a

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drug addiction treatment and mental health services center on Cape Cod, said that profits from marijuana sales at CCC would be spent towards supporting traditionally underfunded treatment programs and health services in the area.

The facility would be designed to serve up to 1,000 patients, including referrals from the town's new cancer treatment center nearby, she said. Patients would need to register with CCC via the Department of Health and show their licenses before gaining access to the discreet, security patrolled facility.

In addition, patients would be required to undergo counseling and drug safety education classes before being allowed to purchase marijuana. The clinic would also be prepared to provide prescribed dosages within a certain radius to patients physically unable to leave their homes and to patients who qualified for free or reduced-cost purchases due to financial hardship if they were properly registered with the DPH.

"What you're basically describing is a very secure pharmacy with coun-

seling services," Mr. Murphy said, and Ms. Stormo agreed.

She added that as a registered non-profit agency in Massachusetts, the clinic's financial and operating records would be public knowledge and highly scrutinized.

"We not looking to make a profit, we're here to treat patients," she said.

Again, in the interest of public disclosure, Mr. Murphy announced that he, Ms. Stormo, and Ms. Carroll, who is a family intervention specialist, were all employed at Gosnold, although he did not personally know either of the women.

He and Mr. Haworth spoke in favor of CCC's proposed facility; Mr. Espindola, who said he was leaning in favor of support, nevertheless requested more time to review the new laws surrounding medical marijuana dispensary licensing.

Noting that a unanimous vote of support from the board would carry greater weight in the application process, Ms. Stormo and Ms. Carroll agreed to wait until the next meeting, and invited Mr. Espindola to ask their attorney questions during their

presentation to the Planning Board later this week.

In other business, the board:

- Signed bond paperwork for just under \$9.5 million for long-term school borrowing;
- Set 2014 lease rates for Union Wharf Lobster Basin slips at \$1,500;
- Accepted the resignation of the town's animal control officer, Cat Mindlin, effective the end of the month;
- Postponed a discussion on World Energy, an energy management service, to give all board members a chance to review the company's proposed service quotes;

The board postponed a decision on a proposed land donation from Maryanne Suprenant and the Nakata trust pending notification that the owner will be responsible for all legal fees and taxes owed before the town can accept the donation.

The board convened in executive session to discuss potential litigation and to review strategies with respect to collective bargaining with police, fire, and dispatcher unions.

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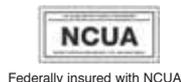


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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Halloween Parade

North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Annual Halloween Horribles Parade on **Sunday, October 27th. Beginning at 5:00 pm at Benoit Square to St. Mary's Church**

Costume & prizes for most horrible, most original and most beautiful Age groups from toddler to adult. Since 1950, the NFIA has hosted this parade. Prizes donated by community businesses are awarded to the top three winners in each category and age group. Free bags of Halloween treats and hot chocolate for everyone. Outside event.

Baseball Sign-ups

Open registration for the 2014 Baseball Season of F.A.L.L. Junior League (ages 13-15 on April 30, 2014) will be held on **Sat., Oct. 26th**. From 9 to 11 AM at Shaw Rd Complex in Fairhaven (White Field) and from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at Pope Park in Acushnet (behind outfield of Knox Field). This is for all returning and incoming players.

For more information visit our Facebook page, fairhavenacushnetll.com or email Fairhaven acushnetlittle league@gmail.com.

Food Collection

The Boy Scout Troop 52 and Cub Scout Pack 52 of St. Mary's will be holding their annual "SCOUTING FOR FOOD" event the next two Saturdays.

On SAT., OCT. 26 the Cub Scouts will be dropping off collection bags on your front door step, to be filled with canned goods and non-perishable items. (Please no glass.)

On SAT., NOV. 2, The Boy Scouts will be picking up those bags and delivering them to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet.

The scouts will be working in the North Fairhaven area between the I-195 overpass and the Acushnet line.

If you would like to drop off your donation of non-perishable items, you may do so on Sat., 11/2, at St. Mary's Parish, back parking lot, from 9-12.

Call Pauline Parker at 508-997-1092 for further information.

Rummage Sale

Unitarian Church Rummage Sale, **Sat. & Sun., Oct. 26-27, Sat., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sun., 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven

Who doesn't love a church rummage sale? You never know what treasures you might discover! (The church is still accepting donations; they especially want warm winter clothing, blankets, boots and shoes.) Please call the church office with any questions at 508-992-7081 or visit www.uufairhaven.org. Please no early birds. Accessible.

Local Author Event

Pet columnist and local author Brian Lowney will sign copies of his new book, *Unconditional Love: Pet Tales to Warm the Heart*, on **Oct. 30, 7 p.m., at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven**. Please use the Walnut Street entrance. Accessible.

Lowney, an award-winning journalist who writes a popular pet column for two local publications, offers a glimpse at how pets brighten our lives with unconditional love and also play an important role in society as service and therapy animals, whether serving in the battlefield, comforting a nursing home patient or assisting physically challenged individuals. Includes an author talk, reading, question and answer period, and book signing. For more information, call (508) 992-5342.

Walk with a Doc

"Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" will take place on **Sat., Oct. 26, in Fairhaven**. The 2-mile walk will kick-off at 10 a.m. from the **Phoenix Rail Trail Little Bay Extension** at the end of Arsene Street by the Fairhaven Public Works Department (5 Arsene Street). The community walk will be lead by primary care physician Valentina DaCuna, MD.

All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome. Participants will receive a free pedometer and "Better Health Kits" that include information on nutrition and exercise. Registration is encouraged. Call the Southcoast Wellness Line at 800-497-1727.

Golden Agers

The Fairhaven Golden Agers Club will hold an open house on **Wed., 10/30 in the Oxford Terrace Community Room, 275 Main St., Fairhaven**, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Accessible. All

ages, 18+ are welcome to the Open House. Do come by to see how to spend a pleasant afternoon.

On Open House day, membership is not required to take part in club activities, including: Bingo, 25 cents/card; 10 different games including dogs (\$1/ball) and a chance to win \$5 if you're a dog winner.

Raffle of household items (tickets 4 for \$1), food, refreshments, coffee, cake and door prizes (free).

Call Dot for more information, 508-991-5936.

Cancer "Hope" bus

The Gloria Gemma Hope Bus travels throughout Rhode Island and into Mass. providing information and resources about breast cancer. The Hope Bus also offers healing arts programs, spa services, nutrition classes, support groups, and a safe environment in which to share experience and life stories.

The Hope Bus will be in Fairhaven on Wed., Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, 206 Mill Road

All cancer survivors, cancer patients and their caregivers are encouraged to attend, regardless of where they received their cancer care. All services are free of charge. Registration is not required. For more information, please contact Kathy Tsonis, Cancer Outreach Coordinator, at 508-973-3077.

Women's Gathering

The First Congregational church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St. in Fairhaven will hold a **Fall Women's Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1:30-4:30 PM**

Join women from our church and guests for an afternoon of fellowship and the art of creative living. Guitarist Jane Darcy will help us to: Connect with our spiritual energy; follow our dreams; live our truth; and become more able to live happy lives, aware of our purpose and meaning. We will start with a delicious soup lunch and time for conversation. Then Jane will present her program which will be both inspiring and entertaining.

There is no charge but free will donations will be accepted. Please call the office so we can make enough soup, but still feel free to drop in if you don't.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Crafters Wanted

Our Lady of Purgatory Church is now seeking crafters for their annual Lebanese Holiday Bazaar!

It will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 9-6, and on Sunday, November 17th from 9-1:00 at St. Mary's School on 115 Illinois St. in New Bedford.

Please contact Sharon Tripp @ 508-971-3804 for more information.

Halloween Treats

Downtown New Bedford Inc.'s second annual Halloween Treats Event (no tricks, we promise) will be held this **Sat. Oct. 26th from 11am – 2pm**. The weekend of October 25-27 is a vibrant time for children and families to visit our Downtown with the added excitement of the annual Connecting for Change Conference happening throughout the Downtown. The combination of the conference's family programming and the Halloween Treat Event on Saturday, 10/26, will show children that downtown is lively and the treaters will see the City hosting a great environmental event. For complete conference schedule visit www.connectingforchange.org

Downtown New Bedford, Inc. encourages our elementary school students to come in costume with an adult supervisor and visit downtown businesses, receiving treats along the way. Visit downtownnb.org or call 508-990-2777

Haunted Whale Ship

Set sail on "The Haunted Whale Ship," the New Bedford Whaling Museum's **family-friendly Halloween event, geared for children 12 and under and their parents on Saturday, Oct. 26, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** See the century-old museum in a new (dim) light and meet ghosts from New Bedford's seafaring past. The not-too scary fun includes a costume contest, haunted scavenger hunt, arts & crafts activities, spooky stories & tours, refreshments, and more.

In partnership with members of the New Bedford Preservation Society, a few notable spirits of Old Dartmouth and New Bedford will roam museum galleries and greet visitors with tales of long-ago. Special apparitions of Hetty Green, "The

Witch of Wall Street," played by Lucy Bly, and of Deborah Doubleday, innkeeper during the 1778 burning of Bedford Village, played Judy Roderiques. David Brownell rises as Captain Ahab.

Tickets are required in advance: \$3 for children 12 and under; \$5 for all others. Call (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Candlelight Vigil

October is national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every community across this nation shares the grief of families who have lost mothers, daughters, sisters and even fathers, brothers and sons to domestic violence homicides.

The annual **Candlelight Vigil is Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00pm**. The public is invited to gather on the steps of New Bedford City Hall and march in silence to the First Unitarian Church on the corner of Union and 8th Streets. Those who do not wish to march may go directly to the church at approximately 6:30pm for the program that includes reading the stories of the 14 domestic violence homicide victims this year in Mass., the Clothesline Project, music by local singer/songwriter Susan Lainey and a survivor speaker.

For more information about The Women's Center, visit www.thewomenscentersc.com or call 508-996-3343. If you need help or know someone who does, call the 24-hour HOTLINE at 508-999-6636.

Explore the Bay

Get your whole family exploring and learning in the outdoors during Families Around the Bay, a series of three free outings...Attend just one or all three programs. Sessions run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- **Sat. Oct. 26: "Beach Exploration" at East Beach** (1076 East Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford)
- **Sat. Nov. 2: "Salt Marsh Exploration" at Little Bay Marsh** (1 Edgewater St. Fairhaven)
- **Sat. Nov. 9: "Forest Exploration" at the Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail** (100 Falmouth St. New Bedford)

Families Around the Bay is recommended for families with school-age children. The program is free;

reservations are required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gracie Mullen-Thompson at mullen-thompson@savebuzzardsbay.org or (508) 999-6363 ext. 223.

Author Event

Local poet and entrepreneur Robert L. (Mr. "X") Xifaras will read from his new book of poetry, *My Happiness is Mine* at **Café Balena, 24 N Water Street, New Bedford MA on Saturday, October 26**. Xifaras will be available to sign books from 2-4 p.m. and the reading will begin at 2:30

Robert L. (Mr. "X") Xifaras, an avid reader and writer, businessman and entrepreneur. When practicing law he concentrated on criminal, domestic and commercial law. Mr. "X" has produced 300 poems a short story, a play, a novel, lyrics to a song and a non-fiction self-help book that he hopes may help others learn from his 84 years of life experiences.

Aviation Open House

Bridgewater State University's Aviation Training Center will hold an open house **Sat., Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** A presentation for those considering a degree in aviation science will begin at 11:30 a.m. The center is located in the **New Bedford Regional Airport** at 1852 Shawmut Ave., North Dartmouth. For more information, email gbongiorno@bridgew.edu.

Mystery Dinner

Holy Family Holy Name School is going Hollywood! What can you expect from an audience participation murder mystery? Fun the minute you walk in the door! **Doors open at 5:30 pm on Nov. 1 & 2; dinner served at 6 pm**. You'll enjoy a delicious fresh garden salad, tender roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, and dessert. The main show starts after dinner, at 7 pm. Proceeds will benefit Holy Family Holy Name School.

Tickets for the dinner and show are priced at \$20.00. This is a limited engagement of only two performances on Friday, November 1 at 6:00 pm, and Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Holy Name School located on North Street in New Bedford. For info and reservations, call 508-993-3547. Seating is limited.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Meat Pie Supper

Brave the chilly temperatures by attending a warm meat pie supper on **Sat. 10/26 at 6 p.m.** served amongst neighbors and cooked by members of Smith Neck Friends Meeting. Includes candied carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy and homemade desserts accompanying the meat pie.

The proceeds go towards ongoing renovation projects in the sanctuary. Meat pies may be pre-ordered and purchased separately for \$12.00. **Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 per person.** To pre-order pies or tickets please call Anne Lopoulos at 508-994-5816 or Carole Cannan at 508-994-5108. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road, Dartmouth at the corner of Rock'0'Dundee Road. Accessible.

Scarecrow Contest

Brush the cobwebs off your creativity and create a seasonal sensation for the Scarecrow Contest on **Sat., Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. on the lawn at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St.** Rain date 10/27. Prizes in several categories. Contest entry forms are at the Library. Register by phone at 508 758-4171.

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Legion Clamboil

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Owl Prowl

Sponsored by Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. **Fri., Oct 25, from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm** at Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Rd., Dartmouth. By Lauren Miller-Donnelly, Mass Audubon South Coast Sanctuaries Property Manager. Suitable for all audiences. **Members: Adult \$8, Child \$4, Non: Adult \$10, Child \$5**

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On **Sat., Oct. 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust invites you to join them on a creepy family adventure (suggested ages 8 & up) at Frank Knowles/Little River Reserve on Potomska Road in Dartmouth.

Storyteller extraordinaire Toby Dills will be our leader for the evening. Walkers will be exploring the Reserve while listening to a spooky story. Bring your flashlights and lanterns and dress warm...there will sure to be a few "ghostly" surprises along the way!

It is important to be there on time, **the walk will start right at 5:30 pm** and you won't want to miss the group.

Usually only the worst weather will cancel a DNRT walk. If the weather is questionable, call 508.525.9266 on the morning of the walk, check www.dnrt.org, or the DNRT Facebook page prior to the walk for cancellation information. For further information call 508.991.2289.

Free Movie

On **Tues., Oct. 29 at noon, the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly** hosts a free showing of *The Great Gatsby* (PG-13, 2 hr, 22 min) at the Council on Aging. **Pizza is available for \$2.00.** Pizza requests must be pre-paid by Monday, October 28 at 3:00 PM. Even if you're not having pizza, sign up so we know how many seats to set up. RSVP to the Mattapoisett Council on Aging at the Center School, 17 Barstow Street, or call 508-758-4110,.

This faithful adaptation of the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel is visually stunning. It brings to life the art of social climbing, circa 1922. The very modern soundtrack is, at first, somewhat discordant, but eventually actually enhances the story. Leonardo DiCaprio is perfect as Gatsby and Carey Mulligan is

beguiling as Daisy. Also stars Toby Maguire and Joel Edgerton.

Author Event

Reading and Book Signing with Author Lisa Borders. Join the writer's group in welcoming author Lisa Borders on **Wed., Oct. 30th at 6:30 pm. at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St.** Her second novel *The Fifty-First State*, has just been published. She will be reading from her work and signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase. Lisa Borders teaches writing at Grub Street, an independent center for creative writing in Boston. She is also the author of the award-winning *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, and many short stories. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas Bazaar

St. John Neumann Womens Guild is Sponsoring their Christmas Craft Bazaar featuring Guest Crafters to be held at St. John Neumann Parish Hall. located next to Cathedral Camp on Route 18/Middleboro Road in East Freetown. **On Sat., Nov. 2nd, From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE ADMISSION.** A Hearty Lunch will be served. Accessible. For more information visit www.sjnfreetown.org

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The silent auction begins at 6:00 pm participants have until 9:00 pm to enter their bids. The items include trips, meals to fabulous local restaurants, day sails and more items donated by local businesses. The fun continues from 9 to 11 with dancing under the tent.

The Gala will be held at 31 Ventura Drive, No Dartmouth. Accessible. Tickets are \$85 each. For further information, call the Shelter at 508-995-6661 or e-mail Mventura@HSSSC.org or visit www.hsssc.org.

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- 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 1c. Water
- 1 can (15 oz.) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 envelope taco seasoning mix

TOPPINGS:

- Shredded taco cheese, sliced
- avocado, chopped tomato and corn chips, optional

In a Dutch oven, cook beef and onion until meat is no longer pink; drain.

Add tomatoes as is if you like chunky or purée the tomatoes in their liquid; add to pan with tomato sauce, water, beans, corn and taco seasoning. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5-10 minutes.

If desired serve with above toppings. Deelish!!

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CPC accepting applications

Press Release

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the 2014 funding round. The 2014 Community Preservation Plan, Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Web Site at www.fairhaven-ma.gov. Click on the Community Preservation Committee's page.

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tion of Open Space.

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Deadline for applications is, Friday, November 8, 2013 by 12 PM.

Further information is available from the Planning and Economic Development Department at (508) 979-4082 or cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Moderator chooses GSC alternates

Press Release

Fairhaven Town Moderator Mark Sylvia announced on October 17 the appointment of two alternate members to the Town Government Study Committee ("the Committee"). The Committee was established at the May 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting.

The two appointed alternates to the Committee are (in alphabetical order): Siobhan Henebury, G. Steven Riley

For more information, go to the

Town Government Study Committee website at: <http://www.fairhaventgsc.com/> or contact Town Moderator Mark Sylvia by telephone at (508) 858-7123 or via email at msylvia11@comcast.net.

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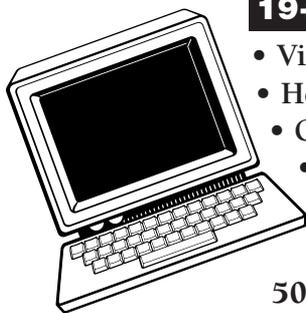
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Acushnet Town Meeting barely squeaks out a quorum

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting spent about as much time waiting for a quorum as it did spending about \$369,200 in a 22-article warrant at the Special TM held on Monday, 10/21.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Ford Middle School, but town moderator Robert Francis and the selectboard opted to wait 15 or 20 minutes for more people to show up. At about 7:30 they were only a couple of people short and so waited a bit more since people in the room had made phone calls. At about 7:35, a quorum was reached and the meeting began.

It costs about \$1,000 for the town to hold a town meeting, explained Mr. Francis, so officials did not want to cancel the meeting unless absolutely necessary.

There were no especially big ticket items and the article to change the bylaw passed in May that created a Residential Village District was tabled due to a technicality. According to town planner Henry Young, the legal notice published in the paper did not contain information on where people could view the proposed change.

With no discussion, town meeting redirected \$45,000 that was appropriated in the May town meeting for moving the Captain Severance Home to be used for the Perry Hill Church property. The Severance house was sold, so the money is not needed for its original purpose. The remaining \$15,000 will go back to the Community Preservation Committee.

According to Selectboard chair Leslie Dakin, the Perry Hill Church just needs some "buttoning up" before the winter because some

"critters are getting in."

TM also voted to rescind the vote to borrow \$495,000 to buy a conservation restriction on the LaPalme property. According to Mr. Dakin, the money was not needed because enough funding came through to cover the costs.

TM also approved articles 7 & 8, which allows the town to put liens on properties that are delinquent with water and/or sewer bills. The measure has been in place for some time, but officials were unable to find the actual date of its adoption, so it was re-voted, to make sure there would be no question of the town's authority to do so, according to town clerk Pamela Labonte.

In one of the few articles that garnered any discussion at all, the Golf Course's request for \$50,000 for Pesticides and Capital improvements passed with no opposition. The money will come from the Golf fund.

"They had a successful year," Town Administrator Al Coutinho said in response to a question by former Selectboard member Leo Rousseau, adding that the account has \$371,886 in it.

"That's good money," said Mr. Rousseau. "We're finally making money with that golf course."

In other business town meeting approved:

- The transfer of \$75,000 from the Sewer Phase II Betterment Fund to reimburse the general fund;
- \$20,000 for the unemployment compensation fund;
- \$3,745 for wage increase for the Fire Chief;
- \$5,070 to replace three sets of firefighter personal protective equipment (coats, pants, suspenders);

- \$8,125 to replace 25 pairs of firefighting boots;
- \$29,000 for a new unmarked police cruiser;
- \$8,455 to purchase computer equipment and software for the police department;
- \$500 for historical signs;
- \$4,000 already spent by the tree warden to remove diseased trees;
- \$5,280 for a Su-Tac Roller Trailer for the Department of Public Works;
- \$46,168 to buy a 2013 Chevy Silverado 3500 truck for the DPW Highway Department;
- \$2,500 in CPC funds for work on the Long Plain Museum, including to replace stainless steel liner, change the piping from the furnace to the chimney, clean exterior bricks on the roof and remove the blue stone cap.
- \$8,000 in CPC funds for blown-in insulation and to replace clapboards at the Long Plain Museum

Former Selectboard member Leo Rousseau, 76, expressed his dismay at the lack of a quorum before the meeting started, saying he remembered when it was lower to 75. According to the town clerk's office the quorum was changed on June 4, 1979, from 100 to 75.

"There are some important things on the warrant," said Mr. Rousseau, while extolling the virtues of the type of direct town meeting the town has. "It's the best type of town government we have."

All registered voters in Acushnet can vote at town meeting.

"The sad part about this," Mr. Francis told those present, while waiting for two more people to show up, "is there are a number of people at home who are going to complain about what you do tonight, instead of making an effort to come here." ●●●

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Planning board votes for moratorium on medical marijuana

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Planning Board voted 4-3 in favor of a temporary moratorium on registered marijuana dispensaries (RMD), after over two hours of discussion and despite letters from the police chief and the Board of Health opposing a moratorium. Town Meeting would have to approve the move, but so far a Special Town Meeting has not yet been scheduled.

In a letter submitted to the board, Police Chief Michael Meyers wrote, "It is my understanding that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has already conducted the necessary research and studies... I feel that placing a moratorium to conduct further studies would be repetitious, resulting in unnecessary delay to their inevitable opening."

The passage of the law last year that allows marijuana dispensaries throughout the state means that individual municipalities cannot ban them or create bylaws with zoning that would effectively ban them. A moratorium, by definition, would only be temporary.

In their own letter, the Board of Health expressed concern over hardship cases that would allow for the granting of Department of Public Health certificates to medicinal marijuana patients to grow marijuana in their homes.

"Studies indicate that home cultivation can create public health nuisances and safety issues. Having a treatment center locally would eliminate that concern," the letter states.

BOH members all agreed that "the regulation as currently written is strong, represents good health care and is enforceable."

All they want to see is the Planning Board offering additional zoning requirements that the state has left up to local towns as an option.

Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward and board members Kaisa Cripps, Rene Fleurent Jr., and Peter Nopper voted in favor of the

moratorium. Board Member Gary Staffon was absent.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth, however, said he thinks the board could have a viable bylaw sooner rather than later and, by the time a Special Town Meeting is scheduled, possibly in January, a moratorium would be moot. One more working session with the board, he said, and he thinks a bylaw could be ready for advertising in December.

Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques said he attended the public hearing as a resident, one of three who attended to oppose the moratorium, and clashed with Mr. Hayward on several occasions over the State regulations surrounding

that we need to be careful," Mr. Hayward stated. "Where do you want them to go," he said was the big question.

"Location, location, location," said Mr. Hayward several times throughout the evening, stressing the importance of zoning. He said the dilemma is that this is a brand new use not currently included in the use regulation table and a new zone should be created, to which Mr. Roderiques and Mr. Roth disagreed.

"I think we could get it into an existing zone," said Mr. Roderiques. "You don't need to create a new zone."

Mr. Roth explained that there are three combined uses of an RMD: clinical, retail, and manufacturing. He said the manufacturing use automatically triggers industrial zoning, so Mr. Hayward's fear of a future RMD opening in a residential zone would not happen. At a previous meeting, the board discussed limiting RMD siting to the Alden Road industrial area, which is precisely where 2 Pequod Street is, which is Compassionate Care's proposed site. State regulation already prohibits siting RMDs within 500 feet of a residence.

"I firmly believe that...it is a use we can find within our use table," said Mr. Roth.

Mr. Fleurent interrupted Mr. Roth, mistaken about whether or not the State was telling towns to create a new use for zoning purposes. Mr. Roth further explained the State was giving towns the option to zone RMDs as they see fit, not requiring them to.

"Enacting this moratorium is closing the door on a facility that we can tax and get revenue on," said Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roderiques agreed, saying that a moratorium would essentially kill Compassionate Care's application for a provisional permit to open a facility in Fairhaven.

Compassionate Care's attorney Valerio Romano explained the conditions of the provisional permit

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RMDs, regulations with which Mr. Roderiques said he was very familiar.

Mr. Roderiques said he would have wholeheartedly supported a moratorium months ago, before the state issued "fifty-two pages of extremely detailed" regulations. He argued that a moratorium would have made sense back in November of 2012 and the board should have acted earlier to craft a bylaw instead of seeking a moratorium now.

"You should be on the boat," said Mr. Roderiques. "You should be almost at the dock."

Some board members took offense, saying that they felt the board had been working diligently over the past several months in preparation for an RMD bylaw.

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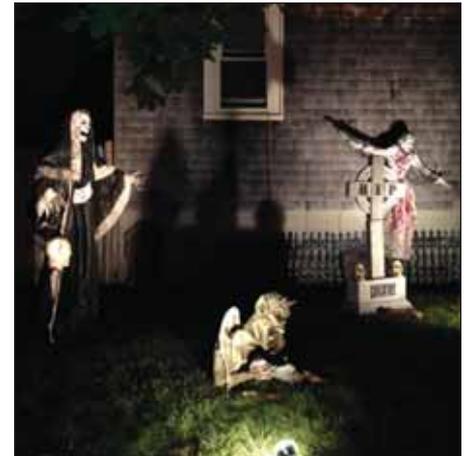


5: 51 Green St. What better place for a zombie filled yard than the center of Fairhaven, with its big old Victorians, and age-old trees? Dr. Brian Bowcock invites you all to check out the homemade displays in this yard that looks alive. No specific hours. (#4 on map). Neighb News file photo by Beth David.



6: 196 Washington St. This is what will welcome you if you dare to enter the realm of 196 Washington Street. (#8 on the map.) Submitted photo.

7: 20 Elizabeth Street. Watch your back on this street, we're pretty sure there's more than one place ready to chill your blood. Just head east on Washington and turn right onto Elizabeth just before Route 6. (#11 on the map.) Submitted photo.



8: 16 Blossom Street. We're sending you up Route 6 from Washington to East Fairhaven before you head back down to the Neck. This little gem of a graveyard is in Hamlet Homes and there are lots of other decorated houses in this neighborhood. Feel free to walk around and find them for yourself. (Not on the map.) Photo by Beth David.



9: 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Now it's time to head for West Island. But, just before you take the left on Goulart, stop by the Yard at 770 Sconticut Neck Road. Don't worry, you can't miss it, the lights and flying things will definitely catch your attention. Lots of props, fog, strobe lights and a great spooky time! (#5 on the map).



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Board of Appeals

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/4, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 11/4, Nemasket Bldg., 6 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 10/24, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/12 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/23, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues. 10/29, Town Hall, 2:00 p.m.

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon. 10/28, Sr. Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Water rates open forum

Planing Commission

Thurs., 10/24, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed. 10/30, Town Hall, 12N

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TIDE TABLE

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

	Oct. 2013		HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	
Thursday	24	---	1215	0457	1745
Friday	25	0048	1301	0544	1837
Saturday	26	0137	1348	0638	1947
Sunday	27	0228	1439	0747	2110
Monday	28	0322	1533	0908	2206
Tuesday	29	0416	1629	1015	2247
Wednesday	30	0508	1723	1107	2324
Thursday	31	0556	1813	1152	---

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 04, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Carl Gustafson Location 7 Sippican Street Plot 42A Lot 257-259 Purpose install a solid vinyl fence on north property line within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Jose Valentim Location 8 Hathaway Street Plot 28B Lots 6 - 9 Purpose Verify Wetland line.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Christian Loranger Location 4 Antone Drive Plot 38 Lot 7K Construct single family dwelling within the Nasketucket River Basin Only
- Notice of Intent Applicant Christian Loranger Location 2 Antone Drive Plot 38 Lot 7L Purpose construct single family dwelling within the Nasketucket River Basin
- Notice of Intent Applicant Town of Fairhaven Highway Department Location Town wide Purpose debris removal and vegetation management of drainage ditches throughout Town.
- Request for Determination Applicant Roger Deshaies Location 10 Hacker Street Plot 28A Lot 051 Purpose install 10 x 12. Shed within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Lee Castignetti (Long Built Homes) Location 26 Welcome Street Plot 31B Lot 1C Purpose construct a single Family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Antonio & Valentina L. DaCunha Location 8 Windward Way Plot 29 Lot 2C purpose construct stone walls on north and south property lines, clear brush and trees (less than 4") within 25' of the wetlands and construct a new deck all within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within an AE flood zone. After the fact.

*Respectfully Submitted
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Kristine H. Audette**, 42-44 Spring Street, Plat 11, Lots 102,103,110, Book 10075 and Page 236; 198-22-A1: 520 sq ft over the maximum allowed 700 sq ft for an Accessory Structure in a RA District.
2. **Petitioner: James & Elizabeth Hickox**, 184 Dogwood Street, Plat 43B, Lots 190 & 192, Certificate #22615; 198-18: 8% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15%, and 198-22: 198 sq ft over the maximum allowed 700 sq ft for an Accessory Structure all in a RR District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on November 12, 2013**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and Public comment on the following application. The applicant, *OpenCape Corporation*, is requesting a Special Permit to add antennas to the existing cell tower located at the former AT & T building. The location is 200 Mill Road, Map 36, Lot 11A.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

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with little things once in a while, said he did not know her well. He said he always told her that if she needed anything not to hesitate to call him, but in four years she only asked for a little help with a sump pump and some tree limbs.

"She was a real nice lady. She kind of kept to herself," said Mr. Mello, and remembered that his brother-in-law put a bike rack on Ms. Howland's car "the other day."

But that was rare.

"She didn't want to ask for anything," he said.

But if anyone is getting the impression that Ms. Howland was lonely, or a stay-at-home stick-in-the-mud, they would be wrong. Very wrong.

"She was never home," joked Mr. Mello, adding that she had a party just two weeks before and "filled that backyard," although he admitted that parties were rare at her house.

Stephanie LeMay Vasquez, who said she was Ms. Howland's Goddaughter, was a bit uneasy after she put a rose on the porch.

"I didn't expect to see her car here," said Ms. Vasquez quietly.

She said her Godmother was very active socially, had a lot of friends and traveled.

"We went to Washington DC together. I used to watch her house when she'd go away," said Ms. Vasquez. "She was always doing something."

Ms. Vasquez and Mr. Mello both noted that Ms. Howland had many friends and a very full social calendar.

They got a laugh about Ms. Howland's legendary heavy smoking habit, how she would cough and cough until her face got "bright red," said Ms. Vasquez. "She did that since I was in third grade."

Apparently, she relished in a good nap, too, and was often roused from her couch at any hour. But she never called it a nap, it was always her "nappy-poo."

"Back in the day, she'd leave the door unlocked," said Ms. Vasquez, recalling how she would just pop in when she was in the area, half the time not catching Joyce in or catching

her as she was leaving for one of her "singles mingles."

"She was just a great person. She had a great personality," said Ms. Vasquez. "I've been in that house, I don't know how many times. She was a good part of my life."

Ms. Vasquez said that she would often visit, before she had her triplets, and she and Ms. Howland would just talk.

"She was a great person. I don't know how many times I sat in the kitchen and had conversations. She never really got mad at anybody," said Ms. Vasquez.

She said they talked about everything, things going on in each other's lives, the triplets.

"She was shocked when I told her we were having triplets. I remember she visited when I was on bed-rest," she said. "She was just always there for me when I needed to talk to somebody. I knew I could always go to her. I could always open up to her about anything. It didn't matter what it was."

She and Mr. Mello both got a laugh out of a recollection of Ms. Vasquez's that she was having spaghetti at Ms. Howland's house and was sent to the basement for some grated cheese. Apparently the basement is quite the storage room.

"The grated cheese expired the year I was born," said Ms. Vasquez, with Joyce casually replying "Oh, I think I've got to throw that out."

She said she would help Ms. Howland set up her classroom each year, "I was the teacher's pet. I won't lie," she joked.

She even recalled breaking into the janitor's closet one year to steal supplies. Ms. Howland lifted the youngster up so she could grab crayons, erasers, and other necessities for the classroom.

"I found her to be a supportive coworker," said Maria Kilshaw, who lives in Hamlet Homes and taught at East Fairhaven School with Ms. Howland. "If we had a personal problem or professional issue, she'd listen."

Ms. Kilshaw said that Joyce had a reputation as a good teacher with "well planned lessons, organized,

colorful, and interesting for the kids."

"She was a fun-loving person and she could be feisty," said Ms. Kilshaw. "If there was an issue she felt strongly about, she was very willing to give her opinion on it."

"She was one of my favorite teachers," said Ms. Vasquez. "She was great. She made things easy to understand."

Ms. Vasquez said she was in the area and decided to place a rose on the porch.

"It's so weird to see the lights on and no one's home," said Ms. Vasquez. "I keep replaying over in my head, I keep asking myself 'why.' Because she didn't deserve it. I just hope they find who did it. She deserves it, having them find who did this."

As a neighbor, Ms. Kilshaw only had good things to say about her former colleague.

"I thought she had great pride in her home; just driving by you could see that," said Ms. Kilshaw. "It's a whole new dimension that she died, that she died fairly young. That was the first tragedy, but to find out she was murdered, no one deserves that. And who would hate her so much that they would resort to such a crime?"

"People all over the neighborhood are nervous," said Scott Winnett, who lives one block away with his wife and children. "If they have somebody in custody, there's got to be a real good reason why they're not saying anything."

"Everybody feels terrible," said Pat Krossschell, who lives two blocks away with her husband Hank. "Here we have a neighbor, not doing anything, not hurting anybody."

Mr. Krossschell took exception to the lack of information by the police, saying they should give more details if they truly want people to feel safe.

"People are locking their doors," said Mr. Krossschell. "We are very concerned in this neighborhood."

Ms. Krossschell said she could not sleep the first night she heard about it.

"I just couldn't stop thinking about it," she said. "I felt so bad about it. Such a nice person, and to have her life snuffed out like that." ●●●

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ConCom continues hearing on solar farm

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A potential conflict of interest almost caused the absence of a quorum during the 10/21 public hearing for a proposed solar farm on Mill Road when the Fairhaven Conservation Commission's newest member, Simone Bourgeois, admitted the project's engineer, Rick Charon, was her cousin. Because Selectboard Member Geoffrey Haworth, who has been standing in as a ConCom, was attending a Selectboard meeting, there would not have been a quorum to vote on the matter.

After tabling the hearing until the end, and with Mr. Haworth still absent, Ms. Bourgeois chose not to recuse herself after a brief discussion with Wetlands Consultant John Rockwell who said it did not appear to be a bona fide legal conflict of interest, but it was Ms. Bourgeois's call. According to Mr. Rockwell, immediate and in-law family members would be a problem, but not aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He cautioned her, however, that if she felt she might face criticism for not recusing herself.

The committee held the hearing.

ConCom Member Louise Barteau, known to be associated with WindWise and opposed to citing wind turbines in residential neighborhoods, expressed concerns over the fencing that would surround the facility and how it would affect migrating amphibians.

"We're cutting down trees to put up solar arrays," said Ms. Barteau, calling solar farming "one of the great ironies."

According to Mr. Charon, one solar panel equals 1,000 trees in net carbon impact. Ms. Barteau called Mr. Charon's point a "limited perspective," and stated she was only making a point and was ready to move on.

"I've had my chance to speak on behalf of trees," said Ms. Barteau.

Karen Goodhue, a resident of Mill Road and owner of 345 Bridge Street which abuts the DeNormandie land that will host the solar farm, said she worried about the impact the facility would have on the value of her property. She said she was looking to either build or sell the lot in the future.

Mr. Charon said solar farming is a passive use of the property with no

noise or dust, compared to other industrial uses that could eventually move to the property.

The ConCom continued the hearing and scheduled an on-site visit.

Also at the meeting, Planning Board Member Francis Budryk was given 30 days to file a request for determination for after-the-fact work he did on his seaside property. Mr. Budryk received two enforcement orders issued by two previous ConCom chairpersons, both who have since resigned from the ConCom.

The commission visited the 1 Main Street property during an on-site on 10/20 before deciding on how to proceed.

Acting as chair, Jay Simmons, who did not attend the on-site, asked Ms.

"We're cutting down trees to put up solar arrays," said Ms. Barteau, calling solar farming "one of the great ironies."

Barteau for a synopsis of the visit.

"It was not entirely productive," said Ms. Barteau. "There was some old hostility there..."

In a follow-up phone interview, Ms. Barteau said she used the wrong word when she said "hostility," that it was too strong a word.

"I think that Mr. Budryk was still very focused on the issues that got us there and the board really wants to move forward," said Ms. Barteau.

Mr. Rockwell said the work performed does trigger a request for determination filing, and suggested that Mr. Budryk apply for a three year permit for future pruning and maintenance of the property.

In his defense, Mr. Budryk said no one from the Town ever told him the rules he was supposed to abide by as a seaside property owner.

Mr. Simmons interrupted Mr. Budryk to "reel back in" the conversation, saying that Mr. Budryk had been before the commission before for work so he should have known the process.

"You knew that at the time. You

may have forgotten that, but we're reminding you now," said Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Simmons would not allow the conversation to continue on that course or veer toward selective enforcement accusations to which Mr. Budryk replied, "I'm also leaving the Town because of things like that."

He criticized the Town and the commission for a lack of community outreach.

"We're a volunteer board," said ConCom Member Janine Peccini. "If you'd like to put something together for us..."

Ms. Barteau said, "It's up to us as citizens...We don't always get it right...but there is a process. ...We have to take some responsibility."

In other matters, Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox reported that he performed a shellfish survey on an area that Dave Hebert of Earl's Marin at 56 Goulart Memorial Drive plans to dredge. Mr. Cox said that he found 22 quahogs, four oysters, and a few bay scallops in the area, saying that "such a small amount" does not vex him and no propagation plan is required.

Mr. Rockwell thought otherwise.

"He's the shellfish warden," said Mr. Rockwell deferentially, adding, though, that if he recreationally dug up 22 quahogs within a 60 square-foot area, "I'd think that was a good day."

A representative for Mr. Hebert stated that he was prepared to abide by any propagation plan required.

At that, Mr. Cox said he would prepare "something" as a propagation plan.

In other business, the commission chose to table indefinitely the request for determination for Ames A E Lyn Trustee of the Ames Living Family Trust location 55 Bayview Avenue. The after-the-fact filing was for unpermitted placement of sand on the beach. After an on-site visit, the commission deemed there was not enough information to act on the matter. They only requested that future owners of the property be told not to touch the existing piles of sand already dumped to let them either establish themselves as dunes or wash away into the ocean.

The hearing for Robert Ferreira of 6 Newton Street for his after-the-fact filing for the removal of a barn and pruning of vegetation was continued

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From our readers

Food Pantry Launches Holiday Food Drive

It's that time of year when the Shepherd's Pantry, located at 1215 Main St. in Acushnet, annual Holiday Fund Raiser is again in full swing.

For the past 10 years the Shepherd's Pantry volunteers are asking the generous public for their continued financial support in keeping the pantry in business so they can continue helping the less fortunate in our area. The volunteers' main objective is to never turn away needy individuals who come looking for help each Saturday between the hours of 9 to 11 a.m.

As you know, hunger is a daily struggle for many families. Even though some of these same families have two wage earners, it is sometimes not enough for them to be self sufficient in feeding themselves or their loved ones.

This is where the Shepherd's Pantry and its many dedicated volunteers and donors make the difference for families like these who are struggling to make ends meet. This hand-out is a safety net that these families have come to appreciate and be thankful for.

As one e-mail that I received back on January 22, 2013 from the pantry's Administrator, Blanche Pepin put it, "This week marks the end of our 12th year of operation and we want to take this opportunity to thank all of the loyal volunteers who have helped out during that time, some of them from day one. Over the course of these twelve years, we have distributed more than two million items to 5,211 individual families, who visited us 58,350 times. We have the satisfaction of knowing that 171,000 family members were helped by our efforts

and the efforts of those dedicated benefactors who run food drives for us, collect monetary donations and conduct fund raising affairs for our benefit. They are too numerous to try to list and I would not want to leave anyone out, so...you know who you are and what you have done and so do we. You all have our gratitude and thanks and our wish for God's blessing on all of us in this coming year."

So you see, folks, the very pantry's existence and success depends largely on all who can contribute any amount of monetary donation and volunteerism to help keep the pantry running smoothly. You can send your tax-deductible contribution to the Shepherd's Pantry at P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. And as always, together, we can make a difference for the less fortunate. God bless.

Gerry Payette, Food Drive Coordinator

Art on Center Now Selling Fund-Raising Bracelets

After reading your story about Mady Pimental and her efforts to raise money for The Fairhaven Animal Shelter we were inspired. We contacted Mady to offer her a space to continue her fund-raising efforts. Mady is selling her bracelets (commission free) at Art on Center. All proceeds to benefit the animal shelter.

Art on Center usually collects toys for tots and food for the food pantry. This year we will be collecting items from the animal shelter wish list instead. Many of our members have pets (we consider them our furry children) so this effort is close to our hearts.

Thanks for printing such a great article.

*Stacey Frates, Executive Director
Art on Center, Inc., Fairhaven*

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until 11/4 to allow for an on-site visit. Abutter Roseanne Moniz of 118 Howland Road said Mr. Ferreira was guilty of doing much more than just the removal of a barn, stating that he has clear-cut trees and her privacy is now gone.

The commission is waiving a filing fee for Pattie Estrella of 99 Church Street for a request for applicability against her direct abutter Mark Teixeira of 97 Church Street, who she says has undertaken unpermitted work within wetlands on his property. Ms. Estrella is not the owner of 99 Church Street, rather her mother owns it. A bylaw, discovered by Ms. Barteau during the meeting, states the fee shall be waived if the one filing is not the property owner.

Hearings continued until 11/4 are as follows: Heiam Alsawahli of Bella Vista Island, six NSTAR properties on Thompson, Doane, and Farmfield Streets, Brahmin Leather of 77 Alden Road, Christian Loranger of 2 and 4 Antone Drive, and the Fairhaven Highway Department.

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Historical Society active again

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Historical Society held a program on Friday, 10/18, on Northeast Hurricanes, the first program the organization has hosted in three years. The event comes on the heels of criticism by some residents and news reports that they had lost their nonprofit status for not filing annual reports and were not active. According to president Barbara Acksen, the FHS has refiled and has been reinstated as a nonprofit. The Secretary of State's website has the organization as being "revived" on 10/10/13.

The program on Friday was a lecture by Glenn Field of the National Weather Service's Taunton office.

Mr. Field talked about hurricanes in general and also about some specific hurricanes that hit this area, including the Hurricanes of 1938, Carol and Edna, Diane, Bob and George.

More than 70 people packed the Senior Center to watch a slide show, complete with pictures of the devastation caused by numerous storms.

Mr. Field stressed that active hurricane seasons come in cycles, running through a slew of statistics on how many hurricanes there were in each of the years when big ones hit.

"But it only takes one, so we don't pay a whole lot of attention to the numbers," said Mr. Field.

He pointed out that category three hurricanes come around every 59 years, and it's been 59 years since Hurricane Carol, which hit in August of 1954.

"I'm not making this up," said Mr. Field.

He also said that we have never had a hurricane in July because it takes longer than that for our waters to warm up enough to sustain a

hurricane.

As for global warming or other predictions, Mr. Field insisted that it was all cyclical.

"For every example you can come up with, there's a worse one in history," he said.

Mr. Field mostly talked about how our hurricanes in New England are different than hurricanes in Florida, or anywhere else.

Around here, we get the hardest impact of the storm before it gets here. We do not usually see a clear eye of the storm as they do in Florida, be-

cause our storms are not as "concentric." By the time they get here, they start to break apart.

Being north and west of the storm gives us less wind and more water; being south and east gives us the devastating winds. Either way, it's quite a wallop, with sustained winds starting at 74 miles per hour for a category 1.

Mr. Field also explained storm surge, measured by the rise of the water above the normal astronomical tide. The storm tide, a term often used by mariners, is not the same. That is both the surge and the tide together.

"Massachusetts is the only place in the country that gets the maximum surge after the storm passes," he said.

Mr. Field recommended storm shutters as the best way to protect windows. He said taping them does not work; the window will still shatter, just in bigger pieces. That means the wind will still get in through the hole and take the roof off.

Nancy Guilmett of Fairhaven said she thought the talk was interesting and that she learned several things, including that she does not have to worry about getting caught by the "eye," since we seldom see one.



ABOVE: Cows are stranded on a roof after the water recedes following Tropical Storm Diane in this slide shown by Glenn Field of the National Weather Service at a talk on Friday, 10/18, at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Diane dumped more than a foot of rain across much of Massachusetts, including 18.5 inches in Westfield in 24 hours, more than half their annual rainfall. Diane hit only one week after Tropical Storm Connie had dumped 4-8 inches of rain across the region. BELOW LEFT: A slide showing that New England is due for a Category 3 hurricane soon. Hurricane Bob, which was a Category 2, was the last hurricane to hit the region on August 19, 1991. BELOW RIGHT: A piece of particle board slices through the middle of a tree during Hurricane Andrew in August, 1992. The Category 5 devastated southern Florida, but caused no damage in New England. Photos by Beth David.

Maggi Peirce said the talk was "wonderful" and "most informative."

She said she appreciated Mr. Field's humorous interjections because "it's a serious subject."

Ms. Peirce went to the talk to learn more about Hurricane Bob, which hit in 1991.

"It was dreadful," she said, adding that they lost two large fir trees on her property, and a chestnut tree that hit the house.

"It made a wonderful photograph," she said.

She also said, however, that she was "terrified," and that Kenny from Kenny's Farm Stand "across the road came over instantly and put a tarpaulon on the house. Otherwise our house would've been obliterated by torrents of rain."

For more information on hurricanes visit the National Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> or www.westislandweather.com



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Marc Jodoin owns antenna, not Acushnet, BPW keeps it off

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

The mystery of who owns the unpermitted Boston Hill Water Tank radio antenna was solved as the owner came forth and came under fire from the Board of Public Works and the Fairhaven Water Superintendent on Monday, 10/21.

Marc Jodoin, director of the Fairhaven Emergency Management Agency, said they owned the antenna, saying he was just as "confused on the Acushnet thing as you are."

The unpermitted antenna, a fixture on the water tank since 1985, was longed believed to have been installed by the town of Acushnet until Mr. Jodoin came forward. At their September 30th meeting, the Fairhaven BPW voted unanimously to disconnect the antenna until the owner came forth with the proper paperwork and permit to reinstall it.

Mr. Jodoin told the board that he received no prior notice that it was being discussed until now.

"I was never asked to come to a meeting," said Mr. Jodoin.

Fairhaven Water Superintendent Edward Fortin took strong exception to Mr. Jodoin's statement telling him that a letter addressed to Mr. Jodoin mentioned needing a permit for the antenna on the water tank.

"I am highly insulted that you infer that I dropped the ball on this!" exclaimed Fortin. "I'm taking the heat for all this. Nothing should have been put on there without a permit."

Fortin continued, "Once it is taken down, it has to be permitted correctly. This is the first we are talking about this."

"Rules are rules, and they should have been followed," said board member Kathleen Sturtevant. "Mr.

Fortin is 100 percent right."

Chairperson Steven Riley, echoing his remarks from the September 30th discussion of the antenna, said, "This was done in a cloak of darkness... somewhere along the line someone tried to pull a fast one and got caught with their hand in the jar."

Board member Brian Wotton asked Mr. Jodoin what specifically the antenna is used for.

Mr. Jodoin informed the board that the antenna is privately owned by him and is also used, besides emergencies, for amateur radio and

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you're not going to get
my vote. Private on
public doesn't work
for me. [Steve Riley]

large events for people to provide communication.

"If it is privately owned," said board member Mike Ristuccia, "it should not be up there."

Mr. Jodoin said the town cost for installation and power to the antenna would be 'zero.'

"If this is a private club, you're not going to get my vote," Mr. Riley told Mr. Jodoin. "Private on public doesn't work for me."

"Control is the key word," Mr. Ristuccia said, meaning who has control determines if the antenna goes back up.

The board decided that the issue

be brought up to the town counsel before any decision is made.

In other business, the board voted in favor of awarding \$25,000 toward the town's Hydrant Replacement Program to Tata and Howard after the company lowered their quote by nearly \$10,000.

Tata and Howard, long used by Fairhaven to perform the town's water projects, lowered their original quote of \$36,000 when the BPW voted to seek cheaper quotes from other companies in their September 9th meeting.

Superintendent Vinnie Furtado, comfortable with Tata and Howard, noted to the board that in the long run, it might cost the town more money as the items deducted from Tata and Howard's responsibility would fall on the town's Water Department to fulfill.

"It's a considerable amount of my time to get it done," said Mr. Fortin.

Mr. Ristuccia said he was happy that they suggested getting other prices because it saved the town money.

In other business the board:

- Unanimously voted to award \$19,113 to replace a portable trailer mounted pump, and to transfer \$2,101.38 of funds from the Highway Department to the Sewer Department on a Loan Forgiveness Agreement.
- Voted unanimously to approve a request to use Cushman Park for a bon fire celebration of the Thanksgiving Day football game by the Fairhaven Gridiron Club on November 27 from 6PM to 10PM.
- Voted unanimously to remove the island on Oliver Street because of a lack of purpose and its becoming an eyesore.

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