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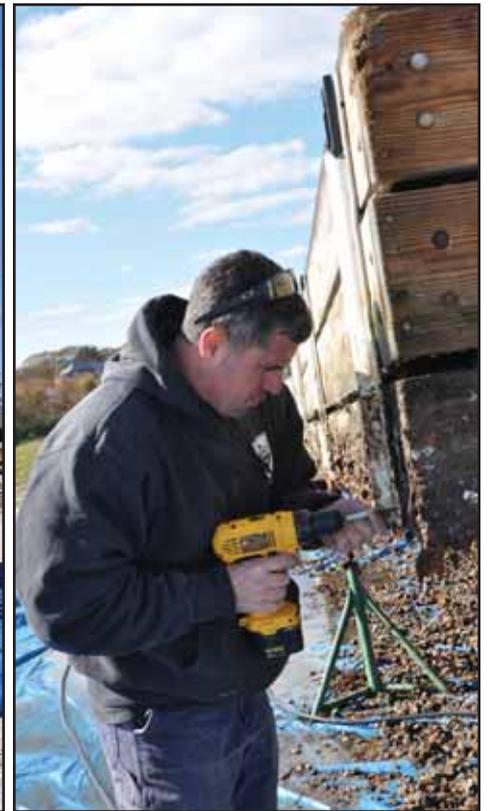


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Hoppy's Landing ramp getting fixed up



LEFT: The floating dock at Hoppy's Landing is like a fish out of water as it sits in the parking lot for maintenance. RIGHT: The dock gets some much-needed maintenance and repair work by Dennis Arsenault of East Coast Property Management (ECPM) on Monday, 11/4. According to Shellfish Warden/Assistant Harbormaster Timothy Cox, the work is more than the usual annual maintenance. After pulling the dock out of the water last year, officials noticed it needed some repair work in addition to the annual powerwashing. A state grant will pay for half the cost, with the other half of the approximately \$21,000 coming from the Hoppy's Landing revolving account. All money collected from Hoppy's Landing fees must be used only for Hoppy's Landing by statute. All the bumpers on the dock are being replaced, some rotted pieces of wood are being replaced, and two new bumper wheels will be installed on the outside corners. The bottom will be painted and the top will be stained. ECPM has also powerwashed and stained the wooden walkway/pier that leads to the gangway. The dock should be back in the water by Friday. It was taken out on Monday, 11/4. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

This week, we've got the first article in a series about old murder cases in Fairhaven. See page 16 for the first three, including the first unsolved murder in 1916. It's very time consuming trying to research this stuff. Debbie Charpentier at the Millicent Library prepared the list I'm using, bless her soul. She said it's not necessarily complete, so if you know of any murders before 1891, please let us know.

The Veterans Day Parade is this week. On Monday, 11/11, the parade will step off from Livesey Park at 10 a.m. and go to the high school for the raising of the big flag and a short ceremony. Please make an effort to be somewhere along the parade route to show your support for veterans and military personnel. As they like to say: All gave some, some gave all. The least we can do is stand outside for a few minutes waving a flag.

West Island and vicinity lost two of its long-time residents this week. Eileen Conlon will be sorely missed, and the island will not be the same without her. Grace Nopper, who turned 100 last March, also died, although her death was not publicized in any way, according to her wishes. She will be sorely missed, anyway.

Those of us who knew both these women know the love they had for this part of the world, our little piece of paradise. I, for one, am happy that I knew them.

SMASST was seine fishing on the Causeway Road beach last week, with our own Zach Hahn on the crew. ML Baron took care of that story for us, see page 17.

We also have lots of meeting coverage for you this week. It seems the every-other-week schedule has all these guys meeting at once. Geesh. See page 4 for Selectboard, page 22 for BPW, page 24 for ConCom and page 25 for Appeals. Did I forget anyone? Beats me. You'll just have to thumb through.

The Selectboard decided to stick with Tom Crotty for Town Counsel. I haven't weighed in on this yet, although I meant to. It seems it always got pushed aside. I have my issues with Mr. Crotty, mostly over that missing ballot that never got disclosed. That was, quite possibly, unforgivable. Funny, though, that issue never came up in the discussions.

I do have to say, though, that Mr. Espindola's attempt to remove Mr. Crotty has always been suspect in my mind. I know that he has been saying that it's all about saving money. But, really, people let's look at this. Mr. Espindola was part of a lawsuit against the town over the wind turbines. Mr. Crotty has been fighting the anti-wind people in court, and mostly winning, for years now. And, although I think it is always a good idea to review contracts periodically, let's be realistic about the "why" here.

Let's, actually, take a page from the Windwise Handbook. It is their constant refrain that we should look at the source of all the information we receive, that the source is always suspect if he or she has ever shown the least inkling in one direction or the other. So, Mr. Espindola's desire to get rid of Mr. Crotty is no surprise. Mr. Crotty has been winning against these guys in court for years. Of course they want to get rid of him. But you don't let the other team choose who will take the technical shot. You don't let the opposition choose your champion. You just don't do that.

There may be a time when Mr. Crotty must go. And maybe it should've been a long time ago. Maybe it should be now. But when the guy on the losing side keeps hammering away to get rid of your champion in the ring, you just might want to say, "not yet."

Until next week, then...

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Nothing? Or did I forget one?



Veterans Day parade to be held in Fairhaven

From press release materials

The eighth annual Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade will take place this Monday,

November 11th. All veterans from near and far, as well as all active military personnel, are cordially invited to march proudly behind their respective branch flag. The dedicated veterans who work to promote this parade would like people to come and show support for those who will be marching.

In attendance, there will be several color guards, a National Guard detachment, both the Fairhaven High School and the Apponequet Regional High School Bands, and the Fairhaven Militia, to name only a few who will be marching proudly that day.

Also, new this year, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of hostilities of the Korean War, we will be honoring all those who

served in that conflict. Dennis Duval from Fairhaven, will be the key note speaker at this year's dedication.

For those who will be marching in this parade, please meet behind Oxford School in North Fairhaven in Livesey Park by 9:15 AM. The parade will step off at 10 AM and will proceed down Main Street to the Fairhaven High School where there will be a short dedication.

For those veterans who cannot march the parade route for any reason, transportation will be provided so they may participate in this parade as well. Just meet at the Senior Center (near Stop & Shop) by 9 a.m., for free transportation to the parade and along the route.

Coffee and doughnuts served at the Senior Center for all veterans before the parade. The Lions Club will also offer coffee and doughnuts at the NFIA building in Benoit Square

We are also asking homeowners and spectators along the parade route to display the American flag to show support and appreciation for the veterans and active military who will be marching by.

The short program at the high school will include the raising of the big flag.

Sunrise/sunset flag raising

A sunrise service will be held at Ft Phoenix at 8 AM, sponsored by the NFIA in memory of Fairhaven former Police Officer, Selectboard member and Veteran Kenny Wood. The flag will be lowered at 4 p.m. that day.

If you have any questions, please Gerry Payette at 508-237-4282

Dinner Dance

Other Veteran activities this weekend include a Dinner Dance at the Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle Street, on Saturday, 11/9, from 6-11 p.m. Tickets are \$15, cash bar. Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres table, soup or salad, dinner, dessert and coffee.

Dinner and dance music by Bob Hunt and Billy Couto.

Cash bar opens at 6, dinner at 7:15, music at 8. For tickets contact: Theresa Pereira, 508-994-7266; Jim Leal, 508-993-1064; Barbara Acksen, 508-993-0317; Tony Lopes, 508-993-7378; Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751

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Guided Hike by The Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust

All are invited and welcome to come and get to know some of the properties that are preserved by the FALPT and available for public hiking.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust will hold a guided hike of the SHIPYARD FARM and WINSEGANSETT HEIGHTS/MARSHES PROPERTIES on Saturday November 23, 2013. This hike will be approximately 2 hours of easy walking starting at 10:00 a.m. It is possible to do half the hike.

These properties (225 acres) contain many diverse ecological areas including tidal flats, salt marsh, upland maritime forest, wooded swamp and open fields. John Darwin, President of the FALPT, will talk about the history of these properties, while Ken Lipman can speak about how the trails were created.

Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side of Sciticut Neck Road, five miles south of Huttleston Ave. There is ample parking along the side of the road.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization. As such, it depends on membership fees to function. For more information, contact John Darwin at (508) 667-1040, or visit our website at www.falpt.org.

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Selectboard keeps Crotty, 2-1

By Beth David
Editor

After months of wrangling, the Fairhaven Selectboard voted on Monday, 11/4, to retain Thomas Crotty as town counsel, a spot he has held for more than 30 years. At the insistence of board member Bob Espindola, whose anti-wind activities formerly found him in a group of plaintiffs squaring off against Mr. Crotty in court, the board sent out a request for proposals and interviewed three law firms.

Koppelman and Paige of Boston, Joseph Michaud of New Bedford, and Mr. Crotty, who lives in Fairhaven and has an office in New Bedford, all faced the same scrutiny by the three selectboard members.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy said he used the score sheet and only Mr. Crotty got 100%. He said the K&P, who was clearly Mr. Espindola's choice and a firm he had used as a selectboard member two years ago, came in as a tie with Michaud.

Mr. Espindola continued to insist that K&P would save the town money and that saving money was his only motivation.

He said this was one expense that the town could "hold in check," if they used K&P because the firm agreed to a cap. He said the town could reasonably anticipate legal expenses going up to \$180,000 a year, although it is unclear how much of the annual legal expense goes to Mr. Crotty and how much goes to other attorneys used by the town.

Mr. Espindola also relayed the "high praise" that other area towns had for K&P, including Acushnet, Mattapoisett and Westport.

"I think we need to look forward, not backward," said Mr. Espindola.

He also pointed out that K&P offers workshops and seminars to educate town officials on various legal issues. If officials understand the law, they can make fewer mistakes that could end up in a legal action.

"In my mind, there's no question," that the town should use K&P, said Mr. Espindola.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth said that Mr. Crotty was his first choice because he knew the town and the history of the many legal issues the town is facing. He said it would cost more for a new town

counsel to come up to speed. He also said he suspected that K&P had "lowballed" the first year's cap and that the price would go up year after year, although he did say that K&P was his second choice.

He said Mr. Crotty had done good work for the town and there was no need to change.

"It isn't broken, it's working," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Espindola said he was "glad we went through the process," even though he was pretty sure from the start what the outcome would be.

All three members said they received a lot of calls on the issue and appreciated the input from residents. There were about eight people in attendance who have been showing up at all the town counsel discussions, mostly to show their support for Mr. Crotty.

The vote was 2-1 to keep Mr. Crotty, with Mr. Espindola voting no.

It isn't broken,
it's working
[Geoffrey Haworth]

The board also heard from Council on Aging Director Anne Silvia about various programs and plans for Veterans Day. The COA vans will transport veterans who are unable to walk the parade route. Veterans are asked to meet at the senior center by 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 8 a.m. The vans will depart at 8:45 a.m.

The senior center will also hold its first Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at noon. Ms. Silvia said she became aware last year that a lot of Fairhaven seniors had nowhere to go. Coastline Elderly will provide the food.

Ms. Silvia also made a plug for the Friends of the COA, which is selling Christmas Tree ornaments, available at the senior center.

Mr. Murphy spurred a round of applause for Ms. Silvia, telling her "You have brought the Council on Aging up to a very high level. We are very lucky to have you."

Ms. Silvia got the position after a

tumultuous time at the agency saw two directors forced out in a year.

In another matter, the board postponed the signing of the lease for the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's use of Fire Station 3 in Benoit Square. Board members said they wanted to check on some provisions in the lease before signing. The lease expired in 2010, but, apparently, no one noticed until now.

The board also held a public hearing for the FY14 Community Development strategy. This is the ninth year the town has applied for Community Development Block Grant funds, explained town planner Bill Roth. He said the town has received \$7.1 million in grant money.

For this round of funding, Mr. Roth has identified two neighborhoods: North Fairhaven, described as the area north of Route 195; and the Anthony School area.

Eligible neighborhoods have to meet certain criteria to be eligible for the funds, which help the town improve infrastructure and offer loans with loan forgiveness to individual home owners in the areas.

The town is eligible for up to \$900,000 this year, but Mr. Roth said he will probably apply for less because of complications with newly implemented caps on grants.

The hearing was the first step. Several other neighborhood meetings and public hearings will be held before a grant application is prepared.

The board reconvened in executive session to discuss collective bargaining agreements and to conduct the six-month review town finance director/treasurer Wendy Graves.

In other business the board:

- Announced that Mattapoisett Animal Control Officer Kathy Massey will be the first one called to handle animal emergencies while the town seeks to fill the vacant ACO position.
- Signed a letter of support for Compassionate Care, which wants to locate a registered marijuana dispensary on Pequod Street at the old Lottery building.
- Revived the Dog Park Committee and the Emergency Planning Committee. Anyone interested in the Dog Park Committee should contact Diane Hahn at 508-993-6876 or

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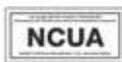
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Sat., 11/9, Too Much Fun, 9 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Save the Date

Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11/11. See page 3 for details.

Jewelry Sale

Jewelry Sale at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, on Friday, 11/8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit the residents.

FHS play

High School producing "Arsenic and Old Lace"

The Fairhaven High School Theatre Company will present Joseph Keesselring's farcical black comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace" November 14-17. The story revolves around Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic who must deal with his crazy, homicidal family and local police in Brooklyn, NY, as he debates whether to go through with his recent promise to marry the woman he loves.

This 3 act show features a cast of 14 talented FHS actors and is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The show is being performed at The Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center at 12 Huttleston Avenue on **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 11/14-6, at 7:30 PM and Sunday, 11/17 at 2:00 PM**

Reserved seating tickets cost \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students & senior citizens, and \$7.00 for children under 12.

The box office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM or call 508-979-4051 ext. 5411 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Laramie Project

We're doing a readers theatre performance of "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" on **Saturday, 11/9, at 7 p.m.** at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Directed by Bonnie-Jeanne Brault

It is **one performance only, \$15/pp**, with proceeds benefiting the Unitarian Society of Fairhaven. No reservations are required, Call 508-984-1253 with questions.

"The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" depicts Moises Kaufmann and the Tectonic Theatre Company returning to Laramie, Wyoming to re-interview people in the community 10

years following Matthew Shepard's brutal murder. This is a follow-up to the original "Laramie Project" play, which Bonnie directed in the 2009.

Howland Service

A Memorial Service to Celebrate and Honor the life of Joyce N. Howland will be held on **Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 AM**, at the First Congregational Church UCC, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, 508-993-3368. Accessible.

Everyone who knew Joyce Howland and was touched by her presence is invited to celebrate her life at this Memorial Service. In the midst of our anger and fear and grief over her death it is important to remember who she was and how she lived. With music, readings, silence and candlelight we will remember Joyce and find ways to carry her spirit with us into the future.

There will be a light luncheon following the service in Babbitt Hall at the church where everyone can share stories about Joyce and express their thoughts to friends and family alike. For more information, please call the church at the above number.

Ms. Howland was buried on Thursday, 10/31, at Riverside Cemetery in a private ceremony.

Book Discussion

A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, A Mysterious Past has been selected for the Thursday Morning Discussion Group's book on **Nov. 21**, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (use the Walnut Street entrance), at 10 a.m. Accessible.

It is the story of an orphan boy and how he managed to find a place called home.

All are welcome. To obtain copies of the book, visit MillicentLibrary.org, enter your library card number under the Catalog heading, with your PIN being the last four digits of your telephone number. Also visit the library, either in Fairhaven, or your hometown, for a copy. For more information, please call Norma Markey at 508-997-8517.

FBA Meeting

The next meeting of the Fairhaven Business Association will be held on

Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave. In attendance will be the Selectboard, Charles Murphy, Robert Espindola and Geoffrey Haworth. This is a great time to ask questions about business issues in our town and what the future holds. All businesses are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Melanson at 774-206-1132.

Public Forum

The Fairhaven Improvement Association and The North Fairhaven Improvement Association are co-sponsoring a Public Forum on the Town Government Study Committee. The meeting will be held at the **Town Hall Banquet Room on Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m.** Members of the Government Study group will discuss the formation of the group, actions taken thus far, and plans for further information gathering. Public input is sought.

Focus Group

If you live in the New Bedford area and are between the ages of 30 and 54, we need your help! Join us for a Focus Group with Free Food and Gifts. Help our marketing students with a class project!

Date: November 14th (Thursday), 4:30-6:00, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven. **RSVP no later than November 8** to Ava Lescault (alescault@umassd.edu or x6435). UMassDartmouth Center for Marketing Research, www.umassd.edu/cmr/

Hospice Mem Serv

Community Nurse & Hospice Care will hold its **19th Annual Memorial Service 7 pm on November 14th at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven.** The non-denominational memorial includes remarks from our staff as well as music by the Community Memorial Choir. The choir consists of current and former staff, hospice volunteers, members of area church choirs, members of the Sippican Choral Society and a family member of a deceased hospice patient. Some members fit into several of these categories.

This is an inspiring evening when families, caregivers and friends join
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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Holiday Hope

With the holidays quickly approaching Child & Family Services' is looking for community members to sponsor a child or family for their annual Holiday Hope Project. The goal of the Holiday Hope Project is to provide food, clothing, and gifts for clients who have difficulty meeting their families' basic needs at the holiday season and the year.

There truly is no better way to experience and celebrate the holiday spirit than to sponsor a needy individual or family through the Holiday Hope Project. Sponsors include local churches, businesses, schools, clubs, families and individuals. Many of the sponsors are coworkers and family members who get together to participate in the project. Whether the sponsorship is a single gift for an individual or a donation of gifts for the whole family, the difference you could make in someone's life this holiday season would be forever appreciated.

You can also support The Holiday Hope Project by attending the "365 Days of Hope" gala on November 21st at the Hawthorne Country Club. For tickets to the event, or to participate in the Holiday Hope Project, please contact the Development Office (508) 742-1032 or visit our www.child-familyservices.org.

Lebanese Christmas Bazaar

The annual Lebanese Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Our Lady of Purgatory parish will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at All Saint's School Gym (formerly St. Mary's School), 115 Illinois Street, New Bedford.** (Parking in St. Mary's Church Lot on Tarkiln Hill Road.)

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Textiles & Civil War

The New Bedford Historical Society and the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will co-host

Madelyn Shaw, curator of the traveling exhibit *Homefront and Battlefield: Textiles and the Civil War* and author of the book of the same title in a talk and power point on the Civil War and its impact on everyday life. In conjunction with the Civil War sesquicentennial, this illustrated talk uses extant textiles, including quilts, clothing, flags, and military equipment, to explore the complex history of the American Civil War.

Through personal stories that shed light on national history, we will see how domestic and imported textiles were a factor in the political and economic tensions that finally erupted into secession and war; how the production and consumption of textiles reflected the daily realities of wartime scarcities and hardships, both for the soldier at the front and the workers behind the lines; and how the struggle to keep the armies clothed, sheltered, and healthy brought the war into the everyday lives of non-combatants.

The event will be held on **Saturday, November 9 from 3 – 5 PM at the Corson Building of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park at 33 William Street. Accessible. Free and open to the public.**

YTI Play

Under the direction of Swansea's Stephen R. Kay, Your Theatre, Inc. will produce John Belluso's gripping drama *Henry Flamethrower* for eight performances opening November 14.

Sponsored in part by BankFive, a Your Theatre, Inc. corporate sponsor, the play is inspired by real-life events and deals thematically with such topics as journalistic ethics, religion, and the value of life.

The plot involves a newswoman, Beth Parker, who is investigating reports of healing miracles attributed to young Lilja who lies comatose since a mysterious childhood swimming pool accident. Lilja's deeply religious father, Peter, believes Lilja has healing powers, but her brother, the confused 16-year-old Henry, has other ideas.

Performances will run Nov. 14-23 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees Nov. 17 & 24 are at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and military personnel \$13. For tickets and other information about

the production call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

All productions will be in the theatre's wheelchair accessible performance complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

Free Mayan Music

A live performance of MAYAN traditional music, dancers and beautiful costumes during AHA! Night, **Thurs., 11/14, from 6-7 p.m.** The group has traveled from Guatemala to share their ancestral culture. They have been performing in the Boston area. Everyone is welcome! FREE.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, corner of Purchase and School Streets, New Bedford. Accessible.

Fairhaven Author

Maggi Peirce of Fairhaven will be signing copies of her book, *A Belfast Girl*, in the Parish House of First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, during AHA! Night at 7pm on Thursday 11/14. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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The book is also available on Amazon.com

Lecture Series

On November 14th, Kenn Harper will present "Inuit and Whaling in the Bradford Era," at 7 p.m. (reception at 6), at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford; \$15 for members, \$20/non members. Students free with ID.

Mr. Harper will speak on the whaling industry and the profound effect on the culture of Inuit in both Canada and Greenland. Buy tickets online at www.whalingmuseum.org or register by phone, 508-997-0046 X 100.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Owl Prowl

Owl Prowls at Stone Barn Farm, Sat, Nov 9th 5pm - 7pm

Join us at our Stone Barn Farm property at twilight, to explore and identify nocturnal wildlife as it awakens! WHOO, who or what will we find? We'll use our best night vision skills as we walk and listen to calls of multiple species of owls and will learn more about each species, as well as interesting facts and information about any other nighttime wildlife that is discovered! Dress for an outdoor, twilight walk. Adults: Members \$8; Non-members \$10 & Child: \$4 Members & \$5 Non-members.

For more information call (508-636-2437 or visit <https://www.massaudubon.org/>

Alternative Gifts

An Alternative Gift Fair – believed to be the first for the Tri-Town area – will be held in Mattapoisett **on Nov. 9** to benefit several non-profits.

The fair provides space for each non-profit to set up exhibits and receive donations. In addition to outright donations by cash or check, some of the organizations will offer gifts for birthdays, Christmas and other special occasions.

For example, the Mattapoisett Land Trust will offer T-shirts and other merchandise, gift memberships as well as conduct a silent auction. SERRV, a national organization, will offer special Fair Trade gifts from around the world. Other non-profits involved include Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Bike Path, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Heifer Project International, Sanga Sangai and Smile Train.

The Saturday event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quaker church hall, 103 Marion Road, East Mattapoisett.

At Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 508-758-4171. Accessible.

Book Sale

Saturday, 11/9 from 10 am to 1 pm. Hundreds of like-new books have come in since the last sale, so be sure to stop by and browse the great selection for adults and children.

New note cards and cookbooks are also available for purchase to support the work of the Friends. .

iPad Workshop

With Tech Expert Jacqui Pinto. **Tues., Nov. 12th from 6 to 8 pm.** Find out how to best use your iPad or iPhone for many different functions, and learn some tips and tricks. Space is limited so call 508-758-4171 to register. Be sure you have upgraded to iOS 7 on your device before the workshop.

Cook Signing

Author and chef Karen Covey will be at the library on Wednesday, **November 13th at 6:30 pm** for a book signing. Her beautiful new cookbook *The Coastal Table* is now available for purchase. Stop in and join in the discussion of this project, which will make a wonderful holiday gift for yourself and those on your gift list. This program is co-sponsored with the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library and the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Author Talk & Tea

With Hank Phillipi Ryan. Join us at 2:30 pm on Friday, November 15th in the Reading Room for tea and treats and a book talk with award-winning mystery author and investigative reporter for WHDH Boston Channel 7 news, Hank Phillipi Ryan. She will be signing copies of her new novel *The Wrong Girl*. Co-sponsored with the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library and the Elizabeth Taber Library. Please call 508-758-4171 to sign up.

Lombardi at OSTC

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC) is proud to present Academy Award-winner Eric Simonson's new American play, *Lombardi*. The New England premiere presentation will enjoy a limited run from Nov. 6-24.

This original work brings the audience into the life and times of one of America's most inspirational and mercurial personalities, Hall of Fame football coach, Vince Lombardi.

The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Tickets are \$30 for preview performances and \$34-\$49 for all other performances. Discount rates for groups of 20 or more are available by calling (401) 921-1777 x112. \$25 "Rush" tickets are available on a limited basis one hour prior to

curtain on the day of the performance. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon – 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain time on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

Bird Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's monthly meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dartmouth Grange, 1133 Fisher Road, Dartmouth MA.** (Please note that this is not the club's usual meeting place.) Norman Smith, director of Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum and of the Norman Smith Environmental Education Center, will speak about his work with Snowy Owls. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dartmouth Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible. Parking is available on the grass at the Grange, on Fisher Road (on the Grange side of the street) and in the parking areas of Alderbrook Farm (across the street from the grange).

Harvest Beer Dinner

A Harvest Beer Dinner featuring local foods will be held at How On Earth, 62 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, at 6:00 PM on **Thursday, November 14th. Seats are priced at \$79 each** and the Community Table seats 24. Reservations for the dinner are currently being taken at How On Earth or by phone at 508-758-1341. Complete payment is due at the time of reservation.

Crowd Fund Seminar

Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF) presents "Demystifying Crowdfunding." Latest innovations, regulations and opportunities on **Thurs., 11/14, 5:30-8 p.m., at Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine Street, Fall River.** \$25 includes light supper, members free. Register: www.SNEEF.org

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- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lg tbs Italian seasoning
- 1 lg rbls parmesan cheese
- S&P to taste
- 1/2 c or more seasoned Panko bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients together. Roll into golfball sized balls. Put on cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 1/2 hour to 45 minutes. Add to sauce and simmer one hour.

Serve with pasta.

Submitted by Tina Olson

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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FHS Cross Country update

Mass. State Track Coaches Association Invitational Results

Saturday, November 02, 2013 at Wrentham, MA

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| 5,000 Meters 11-12th Grade Girls Div 2, Total of 205 runners | 5,000 Meters 11-12th Grade Boys Div 2, Total 263 runners |
| 15th Bay Gammans (Grade 12) 20:50, MEDALED | 60th Kenneth Borges (Grade 11) 18:38 |
| 82nd Kacie Carvalho (Grade 11) 23:36 | 227th Griffin Desmarais (Gr. 12) 23:16 |
| 114th Mollie Medearis (Grade 11) 24:51 | 247th Michael Eckenreiter (Grade 12) 24:15 |
| 5,000 Meters 10th Grade Boys Div 2, Total 183 runners | |
| 95th Robert Mitchell 20:44 | |

Dollar zone gives away 32" flat screen TV



LEFT, L-R: Kathleen Burke of New Bedford accepts a 32" flat screen TV on 10/12 at the Dollar Zone in the Walmart plaza in Fairhaven from store manager Mohammad. The giveaway was part of an ongoing promotion at the store, which raffles off various items. Items scheduled to be given away include a computer. The "raffle board" in the store lists upcoming items for raffle and dates. Customers must be present to win. Photo submitted.



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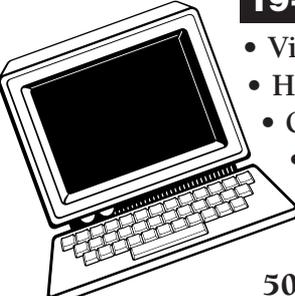
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Acushnet to apply for Green Comm. status; recall started for BPW

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A proud vote to formally apply for Green Community status on 10/30 by the Acushnet Selectboard was a little upstaged at the meeting by the appearance of several disgruntled residents supporting a recall vote of the entire Board of Public Works.

Just two days after the BPW held a public forum-style meeting to hear concerns by water users over a new annual \$168 water base charge, resident Roland Lavallee took a recall petition with more than 60 signatures to the Selectboard meeting too inform them of his intent.

One BPW member, Darrin Pinto, handed in his letter of resignation on 10/29, the morning after the public forum, citing work-related, personal, and family reasons for his decision. That leaves just three sitting members for Mr. Lavallee to recall.

Former Selectboard Member Leo Rousseau addressed the board in support of Mr. Lavallee's recall, but also beseeched residents to pay their water bills, and pay them on time, despite their disparagement.

"Please pay your water bills. I did pay mine...with regret," said Mr. Rousseau, adding, "Business has to go on."

He said he signed Mr. Lavallee's recall petition and commends the effort.

Mr. Rousseau recalled when he was on the Selectboard, before the BPW was formed, when it acted as the Water Commission and urged the current Selectboard to put in a charter change to take the power away from the BPW and return it to the Selectboard. He said people have

recently told him that they support the idea.

"We [the water users] do not have a money tree growing in our yards," said Mr. Rousseau. "In my heart, I wouldn't want to go out like that," referring to BPW members being recalled by the voters.

Selectboard Chairperson Leslie Dakin stated that he respected Mr. Rousseau's opinion, but suggested the best way to proceed would not be through a recall vote.

Mr. Dakin suggested that, instead of a recall, residents could petition to change the charter, call a Special

"that would be a better way to go."

Selectboard Member Kevin Gaspar suggested that the board take a "wait and see approach," but if residents choose not to call a Special Town Meeting and submit an article to change the charter during the foreseeable future, the Selectboard should initiate an investigation of the BPW.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho said residents absolutely must pay their water bills now, but residents who are having trouble paying the bill can go to the Town Collector's office and request a payment plan.

According to Mass. General Law, water bills must be paid before the next quarterly bill is sent out, but in the future, residents can arrange with the Town Collector to spread out the payments over the three months each quarter.

Getting back to the Green Communities agreement, the Town hopes to hear within two weeks that their application has been accepted so the Town can begin applying for grant funds to make the Town more energy efficient.

The Selectboard's only remaining concern with applying was with vehicle efficiency policy, fearing that compliance with vehicle efficiency upgrades would be immediate; however, they later discovered that vehicles can be upgraded over time as they are replaced.

"We've got a real opportunity here," said Mr. Wojnar, who serves on the Alternative Energy Committee. "It's really been a team effort here."

Green Communities Regional Coordinator at Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Seth Pickering told the board that grant funding, financial incentives, and energy rebates would be available to Acushnet. Eventually, as the Town becomes more energy efficient, Acushnet could save up to \$300,000 annually.

There are currently 110 communities in Massachusetts with Green Community status under the Green Communities Act.

Lakeville was the first in the region to become a Green Community. Acushnet would be the first of what Mr. Pickering called the "traditional SouthCoast" towns.

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Town Meeting, and submit an article to restore Water Commission powers to the Selectboard. The change would have to come from the will of the townspeople, though, not the Selectboard.

A recall vote would also be at a higher cost to taxpayers as opposed to a Special Town Meeting.

Selectboard member David Wojnar agreed with an investigation, saying he wants to know how the BPW sets its rates and policies.

"It's the will of the people to go out and get signatures and bring them to the Board of Selectmen," said Mr. Wojnar.

Mr. Lavallee concurred with the board.

"If this can be handled in another direction," he said,

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Medicare Presentation

Wed. 11/18, 9:30 Review your Medicare, supplemental and Part D plans as well as One Care Plan for the disabled on Medicare or MassHealth. SHINE counselors will be available. Reservation required.

Medicare Open Enrollment

If you have Medicare, sometime during the month of September, you received important information from your Prescription Drug Plan, your Medicare Health Plan and/or Prescription Advantage (if you are a member). Please save all your letters and do not ignore any letters from your plans.

During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment, (Oct. 15-Dec. 7), you will have a chance to change your coverage for next year. State-certified SHINE (Medicare) Counselors can help you to understand your plan changes as well as any other options you may have.

ASAP bring in or mail a list of your medications with the dosage, your name and telephone number or pick up a form at the senior center. When the senior center receives your list of medications an appointment will be made with a SHINE counselor.

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The Fairhaven COA and Senior Center are collecting donations for various causes during the upcoming holiday season: *Pet Food* (especially cat food), deadline 11/15. *Thanksgiving* (non-perishable) deadline 11/20. *Christmas for the Troops* (non-perishable food items and books, Sudoku, etc.), deadline 11/25

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Fairhaven is no stranger to murder

By Beth David

Editor

The small town of Fairhaven has seen its share of murders over its history. Debbie Charpentier, the Archivist at the Millicent Library, has been working on a list of murders in Fairhaven using a variety of sources. The 24 murders on her list start in 1891, with the murder of Peter E. Johnson, whose head was bashed in when he went on a fishing trip with two other men.

Five of the 24 murders remain unsolved, including the murder in 1976 of Mary Silveira, a prominent citizen known by all the movers and shakers in Fairhaven and a former wife and sister-in-law of town officials.

On or about June 8, 1891, Fisherman Peter E. Johnson, a Gay Head Indian who lived in New Bedford, set sail on his boat with Charles Tighe (aka Charles Marsden), and a black man from New Bedford named George Fletcher on what was supposed to be a fishing trip. The three men, however, did more drinking than fishing. Mr. Fletcher drowned, with his body washing up days later. Mr. Tighe, who called himself Marsden and set the police on quite the task to find him, was found with the dead body of Mr. Johnson on the boat which had washed up on Egg Island.

"Three fishers went sailing out into the bay as the sun went down on Monday night," reads an article in the Daily Mercury on Wednesday, June 10, 1891. "Yesterday morning the boat lay high up on the rocky shore of Egg Island. One of the men, horribly butchered with an axe, was lying face down in the water among the boulders. The probable perpetrator of the foul deed had made his way to the shore and escaped."

The trial, which concluded in October of that year, occupied pages and pages of both the Daily Mercury and the Evening Standard. The Fairhaven Star's coverage was a bit more muted. The two dailies gave

blow-by-blow accounts of each day of trial, even using sketches of Mr. Johnson's skull to show the axe marks.

In the end Mr. Tighe was sentenced to seven years on a manslaughter charge, with the jury and public quite possibly feeling sorry for him, if newspaper accounts are any indication.

Interviews with Mr. Tighe's mother and girlfriend, and sketches of his sister also filled the pages and kept the public fascinated by the trial.

Mr. Tighe was defended by Timothy Coakley, who apparently gained considerable notoriety because of his "brilliant" defense, according to a 1934 retrospective article in the Fairhaven Star.

It was unclear by press time if this Mr. Coakley is related to the current Attorney General Martha Coakley.

After Mr. Tighe was sentenced to seven years, the fascination with him did not end. An article about him as a convict appeared in November of that year and stated that he could shave off a year of his sentence for good behavior.

The *Neighb News* was unable to obtain records to prove one way or the other how much time Mr. Tighe spent in prison.

The next murder on the list is as grisly as it gets. Minnie Mooney, a 23-year-old woman who had a child out of wedlock in 1897, slit her baby's throat. John J Welsh of New Bedford found the infant's body north of the bridge in Fairhaven, "near the residence of William F. Nye."

Ms. Moonie was sentenced to life in prison in the New Bedford House of Correction for the murder of her infant. In 1906, her father and the "county commissioners" urged the governor to pardon her.

"The circumstances of the case, and also recent developments, led to the sentiment in the minds of the country board, that she is a fit subject for pardon," reads the Fairhaven Star, Jan. 16, 1906, in an article that also

called Ms. Moonie a "model prisoner."

"Miss Mooney was a Nova Scotia girl, and came to this vicinity eight years ago. She was betrayed by a faithless lover, and took the life of her infant child after she had been turned out into a storm with little or no money in her pocket," reads the article.

Her father traveled from Nova Scotia for the petition, saying he would take her back to Nova Scotia, "where he is an influential citizen in the town in which he lives."

An article in the January 23, 1906 Fairhaven Star states that she was pardoned and her release was "conditional on her immediate removal from this country, never to return."

In the first unsolved murder on the list, William H. Bennett went fishing on Fish Island with his son-in-law Warren Gould. As they were walking back and in the company of Mr. Gould's half-brother George Simmons, Mr. Bennett realized he had forgotten his fishing box on the bridge. He returned for it and the other men never saw him again.

A witness named James Humphrey told police that as he drove on Huttleston Avenue near the high school he saw "one man walk up to another, strike him, and run south on Main Street towards the centre of Fairhaven," reads an article in the Fairhaven Star on 10/21/1916.

Mr. Bennett did not die immediately, as the blow "did not fracture his skull," according to the article. He died from a "hemorrhage within the skull" the next day on October 14, 1916.

Police confirmed that Mr. Gould was at supper with his family, a half-mile from the crime scene, at the time of the assault.

Mr. Bennett, 48, was from Lynn, Mass., and was employed as "head teamster for the Sprague Box Manufacturing Company of Lynn."

Mrs. Bennett "was prostrated by her husband's death."

Joyce Howland buried in private ceremony

By Beth David

Editor

Joyce Howland, 69, who was murdered in her home on Columbus Day, 10/14, was buried in a small private ceremony at Riverside Cemetery on Thursday, 10/31.

A public memorial service will be held this Saturday, 11/9, at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven at 11 a.m. See page 6 for details.

Ms. Howland was found on the floor of her bedroom by a friend on Tuesday, 10/15, when she could not

be reached after failing to attend an event.

Joshua Silva, 36 of New Bedford, a contractor who worked at Ms. Howland's Hamlet Street home, has been charged and is being held without bail.

Seining on Causeway Road beach

By ML Baron

Special to the Neighb News

Fishing off the West Island causeway during the summer is a common sight. Even this late in the season a few can still be seen casting their lines hoping for just one more catch. But last week, there weren't typical fishermen with poles here, three men were at the beach in waders and a net.

This activity is part of an ongoing marine science program from SMAST (School for Marine Science and Technology) which is part of UMass Dartmouth. The seine is a type of dragnet: a small meshed net with floats on top and weighted on the bottom, and is considered one of the oldest means of fishing. Seine fishing dates back to prehistoric times, with numerous mentions in the Old and New Testaments.

Native Americans made their seines from tree root fibers or grass and used stones as weights. They used cedar wood for floats.

Forrest Kennedy, an Aquaculture Technician with the SMAST lab located in New Bedford's south end near Fort Taber, brought along two students: Zachary Hahn, currently an undergrad at UMass, and Fairhaven High School student Scott Turner, who wants to be a Marine Engineer. They grabbed a large seine, taking it about 50 yards offshore and dragged it back with a catch of sea creatures from the shallow 57 degree water and sandy bottom.

The purpose was to sort through, examine and study the various sea life that was mingled into the seaweed. The net yielded some shrimp, shiners, a small Japanese shore crab and a couple of tiny

seahorses in one pass. They were all placed into buckets of seawater.

According to Mr. Kennedy, some selected species would be brought back to the marine lab and placed into an aquarium for further study.

He said it was, rare to see, but not uncommon that seahorses and other juvenile fish migrate up from the warm Gulf Stream into the colder waters of the northeast.

"Unfortunately their days are numbered in surviving the colder ocean temperatures," he said.

The tiny seahorses are scientifically referred to as "hippocampus erectus." "Hippo" is the Greek word for "horse" and "kampos" means sea monster. These dwarf seahorses are usually found in the waters off the Bahamas.

Zachary Hahn has had a special interest in the marine sciences throughout his years at high school and now as an undergrad at SMAST. His mother, Diane Hahn of Fairhaven, proudly recalls her son's dedication to his studies and said he has spent a "thousand hours" as a volunteer at The Ocean Explorium and SMAST in the city. She considers him a role



ABOVE LEFT: Marine Sciences student Zachary Hahn (foreground) and Aquaculture Technician Forrest Kennedy from the School for Marine Science and Technology at UMass Dartmouth, set out the net for seine fishing off the Causeway Beach on West Island on Wednesday, Oct. 30, for research purposes. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Kennedy pulling in the net. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hahn pull the net back to shore, hopefully full of sea creatures to take back to the school for analysis. BELOW RIGHT: A tiny seahorse from the net. Photos by ML Baron. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit ML at www.WestIslandWeather.com

model for young people growing up with an Autism disorder.

"I believe that it is important for people to realize that 'different' does not mean lesser, and that people of all abilities have much to contribute to our society," Ms. Hahn said.

As the students dragged in another net full of seaweed and living sea creatures of all kinds, the late October sun sparkled over the water through partially overcast skies.

For more about SMAST visit <http://www.umassd.edu/smast/about/aboutsmast/>

For Seahorses in action enter here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hzGUemj4Mo>



Gazebo installed in Benoit Square



The Benoit Square gazebo was installed last Wednesday, 10/30, and has since gotten some steps. A wheelchair ramp will also be installed. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association paid for the gazebo and all associated costs with private funds. The project, which will cost more than \$15,000 when finished, will also include lighting and landscaping. The NFIA is still actively seeking volunteers and donations.

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Hal Borland

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dihahn@msn.com or find the Facebook page to revive the Fairhaven Dog Park Committee. Mr. Hawthorn will take the lead in reviving the Emergency Planning Committee.

- Discussed, but took no action on the practice of the town accepting conservation land. Mr. Espindola said he was concerned that people who did not want to pay taxes on a property would simply turn it over to the town. Mr. Osuch explained that if residents simply stopped paying taxes and the town was forced to take the land for tax title, that it would cost in legal fees

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Conservation Commission Public Hearings

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 18, 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.

- 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 Ann Bojack Location 18 Church Street Plot 005 Lot 003 Purpose remove and replace existing stone wall within 100' buffer zone to coastal bank and within a shaded zone X flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Jose L. & Maria D Garcia Location Jenny Street Plot 31A Lot 440 Purpose verify wetland line and clear lot to install a fence.
- Request for Determination Applicant Mary D. Vander Pol Location Earl Street Plot 31A Lot 453 Purpose verify wetland line and construct a 16' wide road with triple stone seal and create a grassy swale within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Karen Goodhue Location 280 Bridge Street Plot 38 Lot 15B perform perk test within the NRB only.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Karen Goodhue Location 345 Bridge Street Plot 30 Lot 18, Purpose install a new septic system within 100' of BVW and within the NRB.

*Respectfully Submitted
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Boat Ramp Committee

Tues., 11/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 11/12, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs. 11/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm

Thurs., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

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

School Committee

Wed., 11/13, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18 with Selectboard
Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 11/3, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Planing Commission

Thurs., 11/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/18, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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BPW discusses new water/sewer rates, takes no action

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

With Fairhaven residents beginning to receive their water bills with the new increases, the Board of Public Works on Monday night took up the discussion of paying for the indirect costs of water and sewer rates.

"I'm happy this is on the agenda this evening," said Board member Michael Ristuccia, who believes the town should pay the indirect costs for their water and sewer.

"We raised the rates, we didn't want to raise the rates, but my concern is there are a lot of people squeaking by paying the extra \$30 to \$60 a month. I feel for those people."

The increase of 11% for water and 12% for sewer was implemented this summer to make up the difference in costs for "indirect costs," such as town hall personnel, needed to run the water and sewer departments.

The Department of Revenue report released in November of last year indicated that the enterprise funds (which is where the water and sewer rate payments go) should be paying more, about \$450,000 more, from \$500,000 to \$950,000.

Mr. Ristuccia said that other town departments should be paying for water and sewer and not have Public Works saddled with raising rates on residents.

Board Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson gave a blunt response on the financial burden of Fairhaven residents paying the new increased rates

"It's going to come from the taxpayer, one way or the other."

In other matters, the Board voted 5-0 in favor granting full support to the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee's request for over \$22,000 in Community

Preservation Committee funding to improve road safety conditions for cyclists and pedestrians.

Ken Pottel informed the board of the FBC's plan to paint fog lines and install two solar-powered lights on Scoticut Neck Road. Mr. Potel told the board about a 2009 survey report recommending fog lines be painted on Scoticut Neck Road.

"Riders have increased every

**It's going to come from
the taxpayer, one way
or the other [Robert
"Hoppy" Hobson]**

year," he said.

The lights would be used at the crosswalk at the Scoticut Neck Road crossing of the Fairhaven Bike Path.

Both Mr. Ristuccia and board member Kathy Sturtevant gave their full support toward the committee's plan.

"Without a question I'm all for making it safer," said Mr. Ristuccia.

Board Chairperson Steven Riley told Mr. Pottel the request for funding would receive full support from the board which will prepare a letter.

The board also addressed complaints from residents near the Mill Road Pumping Station of vagrants loitering around an unused trailer and a deteriorating two-stall garage, voting unanimously to have the trailer removed by the EMA within 60 days and the garage eliminated within 120 days.

Fairhaven Water Department

Superintendent Ed Fortin told the board that the trailer has "been abandoned anywhere from six to eight years," with police reports of some people squatting in the trailer over that time, along with vandalism.

According to Mr. Fortin, the garage, which was constructed in 1983 and houses unused equipment, is owned by the Water Department and falling apart.

"It attracts people to hang out there," he said.

"It has been neglected for years and years," added Mr. Riley.

In other items for action, the board voted unanimously to pay \$71,121.95 to Pavao Construction on the Fort Street Roadway Improvement Project, as well as unanimously agreeing to pay \$11,500 to Tata and Howard's proposal for the Tinkham Lane Well Evaluation.

The board also unanimously granted permission to the Fairhaven Lions Club to install a sign on a pole owned by the BPW.

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ConCom losing patience with Gomes; NStar continued again

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Five months since issuing the first enforcement order back in June, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission is now getting impatient with home owners Antonio and Mario Gomes of 26 Cove Street for not responding in a timely manner, despite a second enforcement order issued in August.

"It doesn't seem he's going to be too cooperative," said Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin. He said the property owner telephoned him, but has sent no response to the orders.

Mr. Fostin said the commission should consider pressing criminal charges in Housing Court due to the severity of violations against the Wetlands Protection Act.

The commission conducted a site visit back in August and found, in addition to the unpermitted clearing of dune grass from the first enforcement order, the owners had placed a hot tub on a migrating sand dune. A second enforcement order was issued but the matter remains unresolved.

Mr. Fostin suggested the commission send the property owners "something a little more stern" in the form of a letter before taking legal action, to which the ConCom agreed.

Also at the meeting, after having continued its six notices of intent since it first appeared on the agenda on 7/15, NSTAR has requested another continuance until 11/18.

NSTAR plans to build single family houses on plots of land along Thompson, Doane, and Farmfield Streets within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone.

Planning Board member Jeffrey Lucas, who attended the meeting, told the board he wondered if the repeated continuances are a strategic move NSTAR is employing in hope that abutters will forget about the matter and cease attending public hearings to voice their concerns about flooding and drainage.

This prompted an informal discussion about possibly changing the regulations so that an applicant should have to re-notify abutters after a number of continuance requests. Under the current regulations, abutters are only notified of the initial public hearing and it is up to the abutters to keep track of continuations.

In other business, the commission approved the notice of intent for

Trevor Hardy to install a 1 megawatt solar farm on Mill Road near the AT&T building. Two adjustments to the wetlands lines resulted in only minor changes to the plan.

Engineer Rick Charon told the board the solar arrays were also pushed back farther from the road because the original plan placed the panels only 45 feet from the road, in violation of the 75 feet required by the Town's new solar facility bylaw.

The commission approved the plan in a unanimous vote.

Fairhaven Board of Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado and Highway Department Superintendent John Charbonneau received approval for the Town's updated blanket notice

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of intent for ditch maintenance throughout Fairhaven.

Lauren Francis of Smugglers Road, who has been silently attending ConCom meetings consistently for months, jumped at the chance to speak before Mr. Furtado about a problem on the drainage easement on her property that she has been attempting to resolve with the Town for years.

Ms. Francis's matter remains unresolved, though, because the issue at hand was basin ditch maintenance and Ms. Francis's drainage issue was not discussed further. The commission approved the blanket notice of intent.

In other matters, property owners Antonio and Valentina DaCunha of 8 Windward Way, who received prior ConCom approval for a single-family home and a deck, exceeded the scope of the approved plan, leading to an after-the-fact filing for the unpermitted work.

The DaCunhas built a deck larger

than was approved by the ConCom, cleared brush, and constructed two unpermitted stone walls on their property located within a velocity and flood zone.

The commission scheduled a site visit for 11/10, and continued to 11/18.

Brahmin Leather located at 77 Alden Road, scaled back their plans to construct a crossover to connect the existing parking lot to a proposed new parking lot on the old Standard Times property.

With existing employee parking insufficient for the growing company, Brahmin wanted to add another parking lot and connect the two with a crossover. The plan now calls for a temporary 24-foot crossover to allow employees to access and the existing lot and walk over to 77 Alden Street.

The commission had concerns at a prior meeting over the placement of the proposed parking lot, which was slated for an area of wetlands the company proposed to replicate at another section of the property. The company's representative John Keegan said, in the meantime, the original plans for paving a new parking lot will be revised and the public hearing was then closed. The commission will approve an order of conditions with special conditions for the temporary crossover at the next meeting on 11/18.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved the construction of two single-family houses at two properties currently owned by Board of Health Chair Peter DeTerra, 2 and 4 Antone Street, being sold to Christian Loranger. The notices of intent were for construction within the Nasketucket River Basin only.

The order of conditions for Earl's Marina at 56 Goulart Memorial Drive was approved with a few special conditions added by Wetlands Specialist John Rockwell, who has been attending ConCom meetings to assist the commission.

The ConCom continued to 11/18 the public hearing for Carl Gustafson of 7 Sippican Street after the applicant failed to show up to present his plan for a solid vinyl fence within a velocity flood zone.

Abutter John Fairbanks of 5 Sippican Street wanted it noted for the record that he attended the hearing and that his inconvenience

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Appeals board approves all

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

When no abutters appear to oppose items on the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals agenda, as all petitioners prefer, the result is often a very brief meeting, as was the case on 11/5.

The three petitioners all received swift approval from the board, although Pho Le Tiu's simple request for a special permit to build a single-family house within the Nasketucket River Basin hit a snag back on 10/1 when the board continued the matter rather than giving approval because nobody appeared on his behalf.

Although a special permit to build within the river basin is simply a formality because this particular property is not in wetlands, board members were concerned that granting approval on 10/1 would set a poor example, with other applicants expecting approval with no representative attending the public hearing. Any building in the Nasketucket River Basin requires a special permit.

They continued the matter until 11/5, giving Engineer Rich Riccio the chance to appear before the board on behalf of Mr. Tiu.

Mr. Tiu's property located at 3 Hidden Drive is currently a vacant lot and his plan is to build a four-bedroom house.

Kristine Audett was granted a variance to build a two-story, two-car garage at 42-44 Spring Street. The design for the garage put the square-footage at 420 square-feet over the 700-foot square-foot maximum for an accessory structure in a RA district. The height of the garage was well below the 35-foot maximum height.

James and Elizabeth Hickox received a variance to build a one-story detached garage at their property at 184 Dogwood Street. The plan is to convert one of the existing two-bedrooms into another bathroom, as well as an indoor staircase leading to the basement which is currently only accessible from an outside bulkhead.

The addition on the back of the house will provide a garage, as well as a master bedroom, and will not create any setback issues requiring any additional variances.

Abutter Greg Belcher of 96 Cottonwood Street spoke in favor of the petition, saying that the Hickox family is "very prominent in our area" and he supported the petition.

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was all for naught

Jose Valentim's request for determination (RDA) to build a single-family house on Hathaway Street was continued for 11/18, with an on-site scheduled for 11/10.

The commission continued Roger Deshaies's RDA for a 10 by 12-foot shed at 10 Hacker Street for 11/18, with an on-site on 11/10.

Also continued to 11/18 was Lee Castignetti (Long Built Homes) of 26 Welcome Street because Mr. Rockwell pointed out that the drainage plan would not function as designed due to the water table level being higher than the proposed system.

Also continued until 11/18 was RDA applicant Robert Ferreira of 6 Newton Street to remove an old barn after the fact; and Bella Vista Island applicant Heiam Alsawalhi for the construction of a 40-foot pier, 10-foot wide crushed stone walkway to the beach, and reconstruction of the existing groin.

A certificate of compliance was issued for 24 Nelson Avenue; and an on-site was scheduled for 11/10 at Welcome Street to inspect the work done, which included cleaning out all catch basins and wetlands replication, before issuing the certificate of compliance.

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Seaport roof blown off in storm



A run-of-the-mill seasonal blow on Friday, 11/1, ripped off a portion of the of the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven where renovation work was going on. A cold front passing through caused high winds with gusts up to 50 miles per hour causing lots of downed branches and some scattered power outages throughout the region. *Photos by Glenn Silva. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Police identify, are searching for suspect in BankFive robbery

From Press Release Materials

The Fairhaven Police Department was obtained an arrest warrant for 39 year old Timothy Aadland. Aadland is wanted for robbing the Bank 5 branch located at the intersection of Holcomb Street and Route 6 in Fairhaven. His last known address is 10 Roy Street, Fairhaven. He has been charged with unarmed robbery which he allegedly committed this past Friday, 11/1. x

Fairhaven Police responded to a bank robbery at the Bank 5 branch located on the corner of Route 6 and Holcomb Street across from the CVS Pharmacy just before noon time on Friday, 11/1. A white male, now

identified as Mr. Aadland, with long brown hair, wearing a light blue denim ball cap, a dark blue pullover jacket and jeans, entered the branch and passed a note to the teller demanding cash.

The robber did not display a weapon along with the note. After the teller handed over an undisclosed amount of money, the robber fled from the bank on foot.

Police are actively searching for Mr. Aadland in connection with the robber. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact the Fairhaven Police Department at 508-997-7421. Callers can remain anonymous.



Police are searching for Timothy Aadland, who allegedly robbed the BankFive in Fairhaven on Friday, 11/1. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call Fairhaven detectives at 508-997-7421. *Photo provided by Fairhaven Police.*

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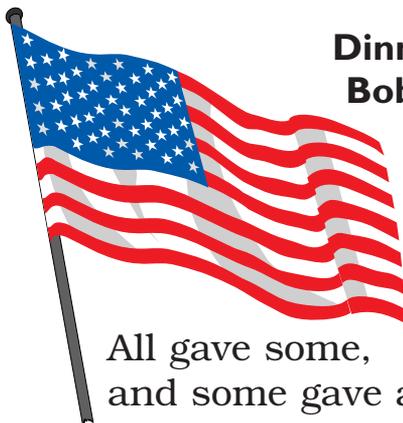
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