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Justin Stack operates the backhoe, and Bicentennial Committee member Wayne Oliveira looks on, while fellow committee member Natalie Hemingway is framed in the background by the backhoe and the dangling time capsule that was buried in 1962 in front of Fairhaven Town Hall. Public works department workers unearthed the time capsule after more than three hours of digging on Tuesday, 1/24, only to find out it was right where it should have been all along — under the marker. It was just a little deeper than expected. Story on page 16.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

The plot thickens. You've just got to love the irony. Here goes...

WindWise has done two things, primarily. They have based most of their arguments against industrial wind turbines on a study by Dr. Nina Pierpont, who coined the term "Wind Turbine Syndrome." Second, they have consistently and relentlessly tried to discredit any and all experts who have debunked the existence of WTS by saying they have ties to the wind industry.

(The idea that experts shouldn't get paid for their work is another argument, for another time.)

This is what we found out. 1) Dr. Pierpont didn't actually see, in person, any of the people she used in her study, nor did she examine them or access their medical records. 2) To support their case, WindWise refers to studies that are often funded by the fossil fuel industry, or are conducted by people with ties to the fossil fuel industry.

In case you don't know, the gas, oil, and coal people kind of aren't too happy with this whole wind-fad-thing.

Just saying.

Maybe the WindWise people should take their own advice.

Oh, I do love irony.

We have tried to portray both sides as fairly as possible. We were the only of the three newspapers to fully present Curt Devlin's forum presentation. At that forum, WindWise handed out a flyer that called into question the integrity of every panelist with a degree or any professional standing in the industry.

So, we thought, what about the people and studies that WindWise are citing all the time. Are they snow-white?

See page 30 for what we found in our first quick look. We didn't have time this week to delve too deeply, but, we have one more week before the special town meeting, so... be sure to find us next week for a follow-up. Meanwhile, our story includes Internet links to organizations (Greenpeace for one) that have done a lot of legwork connecting the anti-wind people to corporations and people like, hmm...the Koch brothers. If you don't know who they are, look 'em up. They have a multi-billion dollar interest (yes, that's billion with a "B") in keeping the fossil fuel pipelines flowing, literally.

So, you may say that Greenpeace has an agenda and a reason to discredit these people. Well, so does WindWise.

Just for kicks, type this into Google: Koch brothers + wind studies. Judge for yourselves.

Now, about those Nazis in our midst.

We have a couple of letters defending the comparison of the installation of wind turbines to Nazi death camp experiments. The war language is officially in vogue. A couple of others have run in the conglomerate on the other side of the river, but we didn't get those letters. We read them, though.

It appears our newspaper is being boycotted by some in the WindWise camp.

Oh, woe is me.

The point is that WindWise members are defending the Nazi comparison, even expanding it. They have lost their window of opportunity to explain it away.

I so expected to hear: "oh, you got it all wrong, that's not what we meant." But instead, we are being told that we are too stupid to see how these things are the same.

Well, yes, count me in as stupid. These things are not the same. Period. Stop comparing them.

On a lighter note, our cover story is a hoot, isn't it? They dug and dug and dug around and then they found it...where?

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CORRECTIONS

Eewah! We made a booboo. We said the big snow on 1/21 (12.5") was the year's first. Weather spotter ML Baron pointed out it was the second. We had a dusting on Jan. 20, with 1.20 inches recorded on West Island. Although within a day of each other, they were two separate systems.

Right where it should've been!!! (See page 16)

God, I love this town.

The best part was the spontaneity of it. They opened the time capsule even though it was planned for another date.

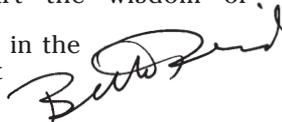
And now, for the cultural portion of our program. I went to a play last weekend: "Gee's Bend," at Your Theatre Inc.

It dealt with some pretty heavy duty themes about discrimination, the rights of women, and the struggles of poverty, but it was still lots of fun. YTI does a fantastic job with their shows. They are celebrating their 65th continuous season. Sixty-five! How cool is that?

Now, here's a good one coming up for Fairhavenites and all Mark Twain lovers. On Feb. 17-19, Mark Twain impersonator Bern Winslow Budd will impart the wisdom of Fairhaven's favorite author.

Stay tuned to page 7 for details in the next couple of weeks, or visit www.yourtheatre.org.

Well, gotta go...see ya



Murchie runs for Tree Warden

My name is Carol Murchie and I am running for Tree Warden for the town of Fairhaven. I believe the voters deserve a choice this year.

Professionally I have worked primarily in the information field as a librarian and project manager in electronic database publishing. I also have managed personnel and budgets. I have a strong commitment to customer service and inclusive leadership. Because of my interests in ecology, I volunteered for many years at the Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies and, more recently, volunteered with the Tree City Committee in New Bedford. In 2007, I received the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions' "Citizen Activist of the Year" Award, and continue to actively build on my understanding of our natural environment and ecology.

"Healthy Trees Contribute to a Healthy Community"

Seeking candidate statements

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the

April 5 election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 2/17.

Please email to [NeighbNews@](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net)

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Police make arrests in two armed robberies in Fairhaven

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Two men were arrested for armed robbery in two separate cases that occurred this past week in Fairhaven.

On January 24th, 35-year-old Bradford Cardoza was arrested by Fairhaven Police Detectives and members of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department South Coast Anticrime Task Force at his 150 Merrimack Street home in New Bedford. Cardoza was arrested on an outstanding warrant charging him with armed robbery of a person over 60 years of age for an incident that occurred on January 22 at the Seaport Inn and Marina, in Fairhaven.

Cardoza is accused of robbing an elderly male at knife point in the hallway of the Seaport Inn and Marina as the victim was walking back to a room he rented. The victim, who lives out of state, was reportedly robbed of credit cards and cash by Cardoza. The victim reported to police that he was approached by Cardoza who pulled out a knife and ordered him to hand over his property.

Cardoza is reported to have reached into the victim's pocket and remove his money, a money clip and several credit cards. He then left the Seaport

Inn and was arrested two days later after an investigation conducted by Fairhaven Police Detectives.

The second robbery occurred this past Friday at the Top Music store, located at 67 Main Street, Fairhaven. During that incident, 51-year-old Floyd Stone of 130 Main Street, Fairhaven allegedly entered the store armed with a knife and a hammer.

Stone is accused of entering the store and immediately walking around the counter towards the clerk. He is reported to have pulled a knife on the clerk and ordered him to empty the cash drawer into a bag. The victim told police Stone had a knife in his right hand and a hammer in his left hand.

After forcing the clerk to the rear of the store, Stone removed a guitar from one of the display racks and fled from the store with the instrument and the cash. A person matching Stone's description was located a short time later by Mass. State Police Troopers Edmond DaCosta and David Wordell leaving Moriarty's Liquor Store, located at 101 Middle Street, Fairhaven. He was driven back to the scene of the robbery by Trooper DaCosta, where he was positively

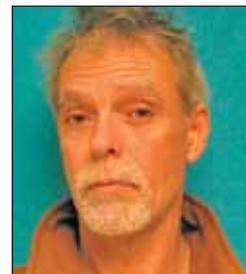
identified as the culprit.

Fairhaven Detectives obtained a search warrant of Stone's apartment. During the subsequent search of the apartment, police located cash and receipts from the music store. The guitar and a discarded jumpsuit suspected to have been worn by Stone during the robbery, was located behind Minerva's Pizza House a block north of the music store. Stone has been charged with larceny of property valued at over \$250, armed robbery and assault with intent to rob.

Both men have been arraigned in Third District Court.



Bradford Cardoza (ABOVE) and Floyd Stone were arrested by Fairhaven police for two separate armed robberies



Hit-and-run driver arraigned

By Beth David
Editor

Family members of Katie Brienzo, who was killed by a car as she crossed Scoticut Neck Road on Nov. 8, expressed both anger and dismay on Wed., 1/25, when Renee Andrews, who has admitted to driving the car that killed Ms. Brienzo, was released on personal recognizance, and the next court date set for April 9.

"I just don't like that we have to wait so long for this," said Ellery Reynolds, Katie's boyfriend, who was also hit by the car but recovered from his injuries.

Family members said that prosecutors asked for \$2500.00 bail, and it looked like court officers approached her to actually handcuff her, then her attorney began to speak.

Shane Carlson, representing Ms. Andrews, told the court that she was distraught over what happened and that she turned herself into police as soon as she realized she had hit someone. He said she would not even have been charged with leaving the scene if it had not been for a town official interfering in the case.

He was referring to Selectboard member Charles Murphy, a close friend of the family and of Katie's, and executive director of MOLIFE, which works with disabled adults, where Katie was a client.

Court records, however, tell a different story. According to police reports, Ms. Andrews left the scene, taking her son to Pub 99, and leaving him with her mother. Ms. Andrews then went to New Bedford to see her brother, Gregg Petitpas, who called a friend who knew a Fairhaven police officer. The friend called the police officer at 6:40 p.m. Police received the first 911 call at 5:29 p.m.

After some back and forth among the parties, police arrived at the home of Mr. Petitpas, who according to the police report, is "in the collision business," and transported Ms. Andrews to the police station. The interview about the accident started

at 8 p.m., according to police records.

Ms. Andrews told police she was "driving down the road rubbing her eyes because her contacts were bothering her, and when she looked up she saw one man in front of her car...then she heard a thump."

She told police she believes she "went into shock" when the thought occurred to her that she may have hit a person.

In the courtroom on 1/25, Mr. Carlson told the court that Ms. Andrews was distraught, and not a day went by when she didn't think of the accident, according to family members.

Mr. Reynolds said the attorney's claims were not true. He said the additional charges came after the investigation was complete and had nothing to do with Mr. Murphy.

He said he was confident that the district attorney's office wanted Ms. Andrews, whose ex-husband is a Mattpoisett police officer, to have bail set, but her attorney got her out of it. He said the judge told her she could not drive, but that was little punishment for driving away after the accident.

"She gets to go on with her life. I just want her not to be free during this whole process," said Mr. Reynolds.

"Even if he set bail, the end result would be the same," said Ashlee's boyfriend Joshua, because she would just pay the bail.

Katie's mother, Karen Fostin, said it was difficult not to say anything during the proceedings, especially when they dragged Mr.

Murphy into it.

"It was over two hours before they went and got her. She didn't come in," said Ms. Fostin.

Robert Waitt, Katie's uncle who was walking just a few steps ahead of her, said he was extremely disappointed that Ms. Andrews was not handcuffed and taken away.

"There's no doubt that she's guilty," said Mr. Waitt, about the leaving the scene charge.

According to police reports, Mr. Waitt saw the car coming and called out to his niece and Ellery to get out of the way. A witness also heard him call out. Both said the car did not slow down.

Mr. Waitt found Katie's body a few moments later.

"It was the most powerful sight I've ever seen," he said.

About 10 friends and family members attended the arraignment, vowing to attend all court dates.

"It's good to have everybody here supporting us," said Ashlee. "We've got to speak, because Katie can't speak anymore."

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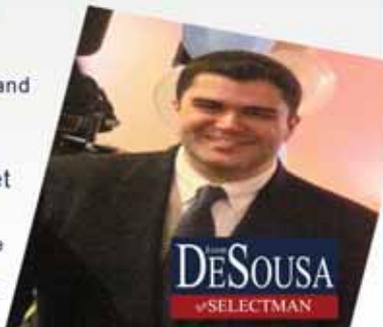
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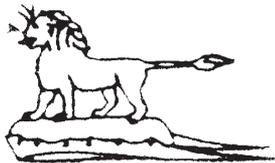
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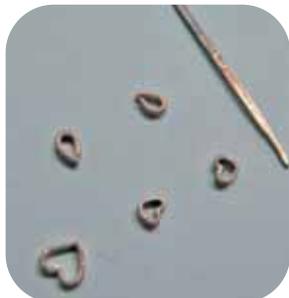
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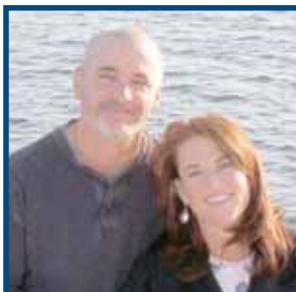
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

WT Forum Re-runs

The wind turbine forum that was held on 1/24 was recorded for televising on government access Channel 18 in Fairhaven. It will continue to run for another week: Sun. at 7 p.m., Mon. & Tues., at 9:30 p.m., Wed. at 7 p.m., Thurs. at 11 p.m., Fri. & Sat. at 4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 11, Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Dance 9:00 - ? Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Accessible.

A dance hosted by George and Cheryl Brownell will benefit the Vietnam Veterans "Moving Wall" exhibit in July, and other Fairhaven Bicentennial events. Music will be by the band Reliable Source. **Tickets are \$15 each, available at the door.**

St. Joseph Social

Proceeds to go towards repair of the church elevator. Lunch, cupcake decorating and DJ, on Sat., Feb. 11, from 1-4 p.m. at St. Joseph School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Adults: \$5; Children, \$1.

For information and tickets, call Phyllis at 508-991-3098 or Jen at 508-971-5659. Limited tickets at the door.

Book discussion

Book Discussion: The Iambics of Newfoundland, **Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**, Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (Walnut St. entrance). Accessible.

"The Iambics of Newfoundland" by Robert Finch will be the discussion book. Public invited. Free. For more information, call 508-992-5342.

At the WMFH

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will sponsor the following events at the Friendship House, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven. Call for accessibility information, 508-995-1219.

Basic Conversational Japanese Classes

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Tuition for the 8 week course is \$80 plus \$7 for book.

An orientation/sign-up meeting will

be held on February 7 at 6:30 PM at the Friendship House. All those interested are invited to attend with no obligation. For more information call 508-995-1219.

Tour Guide Training

With the increased numbers of visitors, the Society is seeking volunteers to guide our guests through the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum and the Manjiro Trail. A great opportunity to become aware of a significant piece of local history and meet visitors from around the world. The museum has hosted over 1,600 guests in just over two years. Background script and uniform provided. For more information call Gerry Rooney at 508-995-1219 or email to Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Windwise Forum DATE CHANGED

Windwise Fairhaven has rescheduled its forum to **Tues. Feb 7, at 7:00 PM at the VFW on Main St, Fairhaven.** Featuring a presentation by Eleanor Tillinghast from Mass Windwise followed by questions from the audience. Accessible.

Foster Parent Training

The Department of Children and Families is offering a free training for individuals and families interested in learning about fostering a child. We have a significant need for care of infants, toddlers, sibling groups and adolescents.

This is your chance to make a real difference in a child's life! Trainings begin every Thursday evening throughout the year.

Pre-registration is required.

Daily reimbursement, health insurance for the child, ongoing training and support is offered.

Please call Lynn Mourao at (508) 910-1083 to learn more about foster care opportunities.

Bicentennial Events

Saturday, Feb. 4: The Pageant has been cancelled.

Feb. 22, Open House at Town Hall Employees will be in period dress. Birthday cake. The contents of the

time capsule from 1962 will be on display.

Sat., Feb. 25. Concert by the Providence Brigade Band, Town Hall, 1-3 p.m. **Ceremony of Incorporation, Town Hall, 4 p.m.** Lantern walk to Cushman Park and ground **fireworks, 6 p.m.** (weather permitting).

Sun., Feb. 26. All-faith ecumenical service, First Congregational Church, 2 p.m.

Public Comment

The Department of Conservation and Recreation has created the draft resource management plan for Fort Phoenix, Nasketucket Bay and West Island State Reservations.

The full draft plan is available to the public on the DCR website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/rmppast.htm>

DCR will invite written comments on the draft plan through February 13, 2012. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to DCR.Updates@state.ma.us; please put "Fort Phoenix" in the subject line.

Comments may also be submitted via U.S. mail to: Fort Phoenix RMP Comments, P.O. Box 66, 194 Cranberry Rd., So. Carver, MA 02366.

Hall of Fame noms

Applications for Fairhaven Hall of Fame nominations are available at the Fairhaven High School office. Nominees must have competed at Varsity level and been out of FHS for at least 10 years.

Also seeking nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award, Memorable Teams, booklet dedication, etc. For more information call 508-997-0138.

Last year's inductees were Manny Cabral, Bob Gauvin, Paul Cleurzo, Kim Melanson, Sam Galvin, and Dave Jennings.

Homecoming Apps

Applications for the 2012 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair are now available. The Fair date is Saturday, June 30th from 10 am-4 pm.

The applications are available on our website: www.fairhavenhomecoming.wordpress.com and have been emailed or mailed to recent participants. For more information visit the website or email: angeladawicki@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Movie Night

Valentine's Movie Night, featuring *Beauty and the Beast*, Wed., Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. At New Bedford Main Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, 508-991-6275. Accessible. All children and accompanying caregivers welcome.

Visit <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/Library/index.html> for more events.

Stage Workshop

A Stage Management Workshop begins **Tuesday, February 7 at the Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse in the St. Martin's complex, 136 Rivet St. at County St.**

Two-hour sessions will be held each Tuesday for four weeks. Mr. Houbre, the company's Technical Director, will conduct the sessions. **Though free and open to the public, attendance is limited to six participants.**

Anyone interested in registering or needing more information should call the theatre at 508-993-0772 or send an email to ytinc@verizon.net.

The workshop will cover theories and techniques of theatrical stage management and its importance in the preparation and presentation of productions. Those completing the workshop will also gain a solid basic knowledge of how to apply the subjects being covered.

Visit www.yourtheatre.org for more information.

Climate Change

What will Climate Change look like and how will it affect Buzzards Bay?

On Thursday, February 9th the Buzzards Bay Coalition will host a night of educational demonstrations and presentations on climate change.

Join us at 5:30 for an interactive demonstration vividly showing the impacts of climate change on ocean circulation by Dr. Jeff Schell, Chief Scientist and member of the oceanography faculty at Sea Education Association in Woods Hole.

Continue your exploration of climate change at 6:30 with John Bullard, president of Sea Education Association, as he presents "Global Warming: What's going on here? What do I do about it?"

Both presenters join us from the acclaimed Sea Education Association

(SEA) where students learn about Oceanography, Nautical Science, and Maritime Studies at the Woods Hole campus and doing research at sea.

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition for an enlightening Aha Night at 114 Front Street in New Bedford at the corner of Front and Hamilton.

Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/upcomingevents

AHA! Night

Join us on February 9th for a Carnevale Celebration in Downtown New Bedford! What better way to lose those mid-winter blues than with some mask-making, mischief & merriment. Or how about some shopping, good food, and local art? Give yourself a pre-Valentine's Day pick-me-up with AHA!'s great programs, new art exhibitions, or a special treat from one of our many unique boutiques and galleries.

All activities are FREE and open to the public. First time visitors may want to start AHA! Night at the National Park Visitor Center (33 William Street). Complete program flyers with maps are also available at all AHA! venues starting the Tuesday prior to each event. For more information call 508-996-8253 x205

New Exhibit

A new exhibit titled "Seven Continents, Seven Seas" will open on AHA! night, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wattles Family Gallery, New Bedford Whaling Museum. Immediately following the opening, Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D., senior curator, will present a lecture titled "Adventures in Saving a Painting: Quest, Conquest, and Conservation" at 7:30 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater. Admission to the opening, lecture and reception is free.

Dutch Old Master whaling paintings will be represented, along with major British marine paintings of the 18th and 19th centuries by Continental European and American painters. The exhibit also includes visions of Africa, Australia, and Antarctica, representing all seven continents and all seven seas in the selected paintings, watercolors, ship models, Japanese scrolls and sculptural works.

Admission to all museum galleries

on AHA! night is buy one, get one free (of equal or lesser value).

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling and the cultural history of the region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Accessible. For events: www.whalingmuseum.org.

Spaghetti Supper

At Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Purchase and School Street-New Bedford, Annual Valentine Spaghetti Supper.

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage, on Saturday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. Adults \$8.00-Children under 10- \$5.00

Proceeds benefit Holiday "Soup Kitchen" Meals. Raffle table with great prizes. Call for reservations 508-997-9086 or 508-996-1498

Health Screenings

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA, announces free health assessments, screenings and wellness education for seniors.

This program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of seniors, age 60 and older, who reside in the Greater New Bedford area and is funded in part through a grant from Coastline Elderly Services Inc. and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Community clinics include health screenings for blood pressure, pulse rate, oxygen levels and blood sugar.

- **Mon., Feb. 6**, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Casey-Miller Apartments, 2062 Phillips Road in New Bedford.
- **Mon., Feb. 6**, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Carriage House, 1661 Purchase Street in New Bedford.
- **Tues., Feb. 7**, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Buttonwood Senior Center, 64 Oneida Street in New Bedford.
- **Wed., Feb. 8**, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Bedford Towers, 231 Middle Street in New Bedford.
- **Thurs., Feb. 9**, from 10 a.m. to noon at Immigrants Assistance Center, 58 Crapo Street in New Bedford.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Medical Marijuana

Please join the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLUm) and our partner, the Mass. Patient Advocacy Alliance (MPAA), for an informal event to learn more about our efforts to make 2012 the year when medical marijuana becomes reality for Massachusetts.

Saturday, February 4, 2:00pm, Fall River Public Library, 104 North Main Street. RSVP to ACLUm field director Whitney Taylor, wtaylor@aclum.org

Free and open to the public. Learn more at www.masspatients.org

The ACLUm and MPAA have made significant progress toward placing a medical marijuana question on the November 2012 ballot. We have collected over 70,000 signatures in support of medical marijuana and are certified to move forward in the ballot initiative process.

This public event is designed to provide information on our proposed medical marijuana ballot initiative and organize supporters. Please email us with any questions: wtaylor@aclum.org

Race for Lungs

More than 1,400 participants (including 450 firefighters) and 200 volunteers will race to the top of One Boston Place to raise money for the American Lung Association on Saturday, February 4. Registration begins promptly at 8 a.m. The first climbers commence at 9 a.m., in 15 second intervals. One Boston Place in the Mellon Financial Center

For over 100 years, the American Lung Association has been at the forefront in the Fight for Air. All proceeds from the stairclimb benefit lung disease research, prevention and programs as well as smokefree and clean air initiatives in Massachusetts. Visit www.lungne.org for more information.

ABWA Meeting

Please join the members of the Southcoast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth. Wheelchair accessible. The meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and include time

for networking, dinner and a speaker. The cost is \$25 per person.

The speaker is Dr. Nosheen Javed, the first female cardiologist to practice in the greater New Bedford area. She began working for New Bedford Medical Associates in September of 2010. She will speak about "her life experiences as a female cardiologist, her schooling and what obstacles she has had to overcome as a Muslim woman in the United States and in her homeland of Pakistan where she graduated from medical school in 2000." Javed will be available to answer questions including concerns about women's cardiovascular health. In addition, the Southcoast Express Network will be offering free blood pressure screenings.

The Southcoast Express Network is a non-profit group of women from diverse occupations and stages in their professional careers.

To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Susan Moulton at 508-591-0814 or at suem1011@aol.com.

Photo Exhibit

Including Fairhaven photographer Jim Mahaney.

"Continued Vision - Seeing in New Ways". Eight "students" ranging from beginner to advanced are on display at Orleans Camera at Skaket Corners for the month of February 2012 for the second annual student show.

Lori Dumont, Mary Doering, Barbara Ford Doyle, Susan Karchmer, Valdo Kiiss, James Mahaney, Lou Martinage and Debbie Owen, have been students in various classes and lectures offered by Stan Godwin Photography Workshops, www.stangodwin.com, during 2011.

The work shown represents new directions being taken in photography on Cape Cod by expanding technical and aesthetic knowledge using contemporary vision. While only eight students are displayed they represent the over 370 students that have taken part in the various workshops and classes since 2006.

The intent of the images is to bring the viewer in and show a new face to the visual possibilities that surround each of us on Cape Cod and the region.

An opening will be held from 3-5PM on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at

Orleans Camera. Please join us to enjoy the work.

Acushnet's Cusson House

If anyone has pictures or information about the Captain Severance House, aka, the Cusson House, located at 60 Main Street in Acushnet, please contact the Acushnet Selectboard office at 508-998-0200. The town is currently in the process of considering the rehabilitation of the property as an historical site and would appreciate any and all information it can gather about it from the community.

Camp Angel Wings

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA, will be hosting its annual bereavement camp, "Camp Angel Wings," in July. This is an exciting, fun-filled, two-day camp experience for children and teens, ages 6 through 17, who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The camp will be held on July 28 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cathedral Camp for Boys & Girls, 167 Middleboro Road in East Freetown.

Camp Angel Wings provides interactive activities that include music, swimming, arts and crafts, and activities that memorialize loved ones and help to share their loss. All of the activities are designed to reduce the sense of isolation while improving self-esteem for children and teens who share like experiences in grief.

Registrations are now being accepted. For more info, or to register, call 508-973-3219 or visit <http://www.southcoast.org/vna/camp.html>.

SNEEF Forum

"Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the ATMC", program by Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF) at **UMass Dartmouth on Thurs., Feb. 9** at 5:30 p.m., Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine Street, Fall River. Become an annual member for only \$75, and attend free. Event non-member cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, includes refreshments. Register at www.sneef.org

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- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1 (14-oz.) can cranberry sauce
- 1 (12-oz.) jar chili sauce
- 1/4 cup orange marmelade
- 2 tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 tbspt. red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. dried red pepper flakes

Combine first 8 ingredients in a large bowl. Shape mixture into about 54 1-inch balls. Cook meatballs, in batches, in a large skillet over med.-high heat until browned (about 5 mins); remove meatballs from pan, and drain well on paper towels.

Stir together cranberry and chili sauces, marmelade, 1/4 cup water and remaining ingredients in a large Dutch oven over medium heat, and cook, whisking occasionally, 5 mins or until smooth. Add meatballs; reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, 15-20 minutes or until centers are not longer pink.

Make ahead: Freeze meatballs in plastic freezer bag up to one month. Thaw in refrigerator and cook, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly heated.

Serving idea: Thread fresh cranberries onto short wooden skewers with meatballs.

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven girls basketball

Wednesday, the Lady Blues came out fast to roll over Case 72-43. Kara Charette had 21 points along with whole bench who played to win. Reserves Kiyana Alfaiate and Brianna Pelton along with Kelsey Perron-Sovik's three 3-pointers were super.

Downtown Ashley Brown had 28 points, six 3-pointers, as Lady Blues romped over Wareham 66-36 last Friday. Kara had 22 points in a super team effort.

Less Leads Boys BB

Fairhaven High's Billy Lessa had 22 points in 49-40 loss to Case. Cam Charette and Tanner Kisla had 6 points.

A super Wareham team rolled over FHS 55-31. Cam Charette and Dan McLaughlin were top scorers.

OR/FHS Hockey

The Bluedogs got a super effort from Jeremy Lawton, two goals, and Mason Evitch, one goal, in 6-0 rout of DR-Seekonk. Goalie Tim Kelleher had shutout.

Stang Hockey

The Spartans defeated Somerset 6-3. Fairhaven's Dan Magalhaes had four assists. Luc Sauve and Kody Skolis had goals. Tim Magalhaes was super in goal for Stand, now 3-2.

UMassD Hockey

UMD rolled over Framingham State 6-2. Ryan Williams was super in goal. Mike Owens and Greg Girtatos had big goals.

UMassD Men's Basketball

The UMD men's basketball team defeated Plymouth State 65-47. Lance Greene and Jake Laga led scoring. Corsairs now, 10-7, take on Western Conn. Saturday at home.

UMassD girls basketball

The Lady Corsairs led by Colleen Moriarty and Erika Bornemann defeated Plymouth State 76-62. Coach Amanda Van Voorhis's girls are not 12-7. Best team at UMD in years. Home vs. Western Conn. Saturday.

Prose on Pros

Well, here we go...Super Sunday Super Bowl hype all over the world. Brady vs. Manning almost like a pitching duel. If Pats play arena football they will get beat. Pats should be able to win this one??!

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Celtics look a little better, may be improving.

Sox have not done much. Who's going to play short??!

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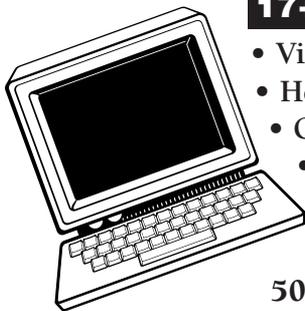
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Acushnet Housing Authority member questioned on apartment

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Housing Authority heard concerns from the tenants association at its 1/25 meeting, including concerns about an AHA member's apartment at Presidential Terrace.

Vice Chairperson Lawrence Marshall opened the meeting, in the absence of Chairperson James Madruga, by expressing gratitude for the new maintenance employee, Michael Cioper, saying he did a fantastic job handling the recent snowstorm despite having only been on the job a very short time.

Mr. Cioper stated that the storm clean-up resulted in his having to do fifteen hours of overtime during his first week on the job.

Lynn Sigman, Acting Director of the Housing Authority, presented the board with her report which included a list of apartment maintenance related matters, all of which have been attended to.

She stated that things at the complex have "settled down" since the recent employee resignations, however, she reported that several administrative matters needed to be addressed, including computer software issues, cell phone voice message systems changes, and handling the volume of office work with only one employee.

Ms. Sigman reported that the cut-off for the Housing Authority Director Position applications is February 5th and interviews can begin on the following day.

When the meeting was opened up for comments tenant Judy Apshagu spoke about problems she is having with old windows and slider doors in her apartment.

"I don't think anyone has ever done anything with the 37-year-old windows," said Ms. Apshagu. "They're really a crying shame. We're wasting a great deal of money heating our apartments."

Other tenants commented that they were having the same types of problems. The units with those problems were identified as "the middle apartment."

Board member Lawrence Mulvey, commented that grant funds were sought for the replacement of the windows; however, the sliders were not known to be a problem when the

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doesn't take place
[Richard Threshall]

application was completed.

Arthur Bergeron, the chairperson of the Tenant's Association, thanked both Mr. Cioper and Ms. Sigman for doing a good job in their new roles. His comment was met with applause of the other approximately thirty tenants present.

Mr. Bergeron then said, "These two questions have been brought up every time we have a meeting and it's nothing personal against any individual. It's just that the tenants would like to know. The first question is can you be a resident here and also

be on the board of directors?"

Mr. Mulvey referred to a prior board member, Mary Enos, who had been a resident and that it was his recollection that, "There are things you can vote on and things that you can't vote on."

"I'm in the process of finding out through Boston," said Ms. Sigman. "We want to do this the right way and tomorrow, hopefully, we will have an answer and that is one of my questions on my list for Boston."

Mr. Marshall, a long time board member who moved into Presidential Terrace in January, stated, "Anything that would benefit me or my family, I would never vote on, never."

"The tenants want to hear that right from you," responded Mr. Bergeron.

Mr. Bergeron's second question pertained to an apartment which was recently equipped with a handicap bathroom. He asked if the apartment was outfitted for use by a person in a wheelchair.

"A handicap apartment doesn't mean you have to be in a wheelchair. Lucia was director at the time Mr. Marshall was put in there," Ms. Sigman said, indicating that Mr. Bergeron's question pertains to the apartment that Mr. Marshall, who is not in a wheelchair, currently resides in. "Everything was done exactly how it was supposed to be. There is no question, there is nothing that was done wrong."

Ms. Sigman also explained that Mr. Marshall had an emergency situation and the apartment was available for him to move into. She further stated that the Housing Authority cannot afford to allow a handicap apartment to remain vacant until a person with a

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wheelchair applies for it.

Board member Rene Racine questioned why Mr. Bergeron chose to go to the town hall for his information about the matter rather than approaching the housing authority.

"You should have gotten your information here," said Mr. Racine.

Mr. Bergeron looked at the residents in the room and said, "I hope these people are satisfied with the answers you just gave because I'm satisfied with the answers."

"If I thought something hanky panky had taken place I'd be the first one to leave this board," said the state assigned board member, Richard Threshall, to Mr. Bergeron. "That's the reason I'm on this board; to make sure hanky panky doesn't take place."

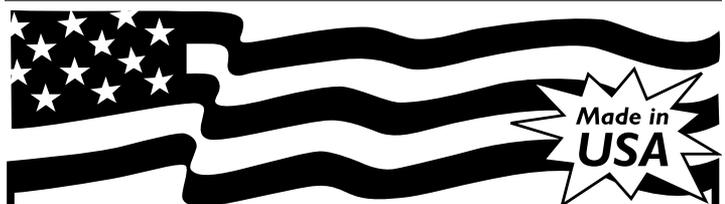
The last tenant to address the board, Robert Farley, stated that he believed there was animosity between the Housing Authority and the Tenant's Association. Mr. Farley cited from legal documentation about the working relationship these two bodies should have.

He explained that he did not feel that the tenant's opinions were properly heard in regard to the board's recent decision to stop having the maintenance person remove snow from the tenant's cars and parking places. He asked if it was possible for the board to reconsider the decision after hearing the tenant's concerns. The board agreed to put the issue on the next meeting agenda.

After the meeting Mr. Racine made a comment in regard to the recent decision by current Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia to withdraw her name from consideration for the position of Director of the Housing Authority.

"Heather needed to get permission from the selectmen to apply for the job," said Mr. Racine. "That didn't happen so we couldn't interview her. I think she would have made a good fit."

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And the point of a marker would be...

By Beth David
Editor

It seemed that Stephen Borowitz, son of a Fairhaven Selectboard member in 1962, held the key: a Standard-Times article from 1962 saying that the time capsule on the front lawn of Fairhaven Town hall was buried five feet from the flag pole.

But, alas, it was not there.

First, Department of Public Works employee Justin Stack used his backhoe to dig near the marker for the time capsule, then, with the help of fellow DPW worker George Silva, dug up the marker and moved it out of the way. A few digs around and then they moved away, closer to the pole.

With people grabbing the ST photograph and holding it up to the corner of the building, and all the digging, machine churning, and chuckling among the 20 or so bystanders, no one seemed to hear a couple of small voices asking: why aren't they digging where the marker was?

After three hours of fruitful digging, a thinned out crowd and a declaration by Millicent Library archivist Debra Charpentier that the capsule was, indeed, buried under the marker, the crew went back to the spot where the marker had been and dug a little deeper.

Eureka!

The 12"x36" tube was hit by the backhoe. The top got damaged and popped right off, prompting a change in plans. The opening of the capsule was scheduled for a later date be-

cause organizers thought it would require special tools to open. Since it opened on its own, they decided to take it inside the town hall and spread the contents out on the big desk in the Banquet Room.

A spontaneous act that delighted the people who had stuck it out.

"We planned to open it later, but it broke open," said Mr. Oliveira. "People certainly deserve to see what's in it because they waited so long."

Richard Lebric and Michael Tripp were teenagers when they watched the capsule get buried in 1962. Neither one, however, could shed any light on where it had been placed.

"I just remember I threw a piece of gum down after the capsule was put in," said Mr. Tripp.

Alice Torres was the secretary to the Selectboard in 1962 and said she remembered that Governor John Volpe was here for the occasion, one of many events celebrating



BELOW: Bicentennial Committee members (L-R) Natalie Hemingway, Wayne Oliveira and John Rogers, examine the contents of the time capsule from 1962 that was unearthed in front of Fairhaven Town Hall on Tuesday, 1/24. ABOVE: Alice Torres, who was secretary to the Fairhaven selectboard in 1962, holds up a map of Fairhaven that was in the time capsule and has Alice's handwriting on it saying "July 28, 1962" (in perfect penmanship, we add in uncharacteristically unprofessional editorializing). Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

Fairhaven's sesquicentennial.

"That was exciting," said Ms. Torres.

When they finally located the time capsule, placed it on a table, and cut it open, an old, yellowing newspaper was exposed.

"Oh my," said Bicentennial Committee member Natalie Hemingway. "Oh my. History is before us."

The group decided to take the package inside and spread it all out on the big desk in the banquet room. Contents included: newspaper articles, sesquicentennial artifacts, an annual town report from 1962, and a copy of a letter from Eleanor Roosevelt regretfully declining an invitation to the "state dinner" in July. The Delanos have ties to Fairhaven and Franklin Delano Roosevelt often spent summers in Fairhaven.

"I'm very sentimental, and I want to cry," said Ms. Torres, 87. "I always said I hoped I lived this long, to see it, and I did. There's a lot of good memories."

"This is a town that really takes a tremendous amount of pride in its history," said Mr. Oliveira, adding that current Fairhaven residents share the same love and pride in the town as those in 1962.



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You never know what you're going to run into in the bush



By Gary Souza
Special to the Neighbor News
LIBERIA:
In the bush

I had occasion to go out into the bush north of Monrovia recently. It doesn't take long before you are off the paved roads and are on rutted dirt roads. Miles and miles of them throughout the country. There are no street signs, of course, navigation is done by map and GPS. The roads, if you want to call them that, are not marked in the GPS but it is best used to mark the point where you go off the marked roads so you can find your way back if need be.

We are driving a four-wheel-drive Nissan Scout marked with both "UN" and "POLICE" in large letters. We call them "coke cans" because they are red and white.

We travel slowly miles and miles on these rutted roads vainly trying to avoid the largest holes. Occasionally we pass people walking or pushing a cart but there are no other cars on the road. The children are dressed in tattered clothing but appear happy to see us and wave as we go by. We wish we had brought candy to give to them.

Every couple of miles we pass through a village. The homes are very basic in this part of Africa, usually one room. There are no windows or doors. Some roofs are made of corrugated metal, others from thatch or palm fronds. There is usually a cooking fire going outside where rice

is boiled.

Some villagers wave and smile as we pass. Some just stare while older men sometimes yell "go, go" as we pass, no doubt remembering when the police were an instrument of repression and sometimes death during the war.

We had a couple of strange occurrences this day. As we traveled through some of the wildest country, we came upon a large, well manicured clearing. There were teen and pre-teen girls all dressed neatly in white dresses. Some were studying outside while others were sitting and talking. We had come upon the Bromley Episcopal Mission, founded by the first American Episcopal Bishop over 100 years ago. Many of the girls are orphans but they all appear well fed in this oasis in the bush.

Further into the bush we came upon an encampment of the Pakistani Army, here as peacekeepers. They were friendly and treated us to "luncheon" in their formal, British Army-style, Officers' Mess despite the fact we were two unkempt Americans. We were fed lunch of chutney, curried chicken and pita bread all the time having a white shirted soldier/waiter standing over us ready to re-fill our water glass or put more chutney onto the plate.

We begged off tea after the meal to our soldier/ waiter's dismay. The formality was getting a little much for our semi-civilized American taste.

You never know what you're going to run into in the bush.

But the effects of the civil war are never far from sight. As we came back to the coast north of Monrovia we came upon the hulk of the Hotel



Homes in the Liberian bush are basic, usually one room with no windows or doors. ABOVE: some men congregate between two homes. BELOW: a woman cooks outside. Photos by Gary Souza. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Africa and the Unity Conference Center. The hotel had several hundred rooms and was well known as one of the most popular resorts in Africa for Europeans. The beautiful beach is still there. The large pool in the shape of the continent of Africa is full of debris. The hotel, itself, is a burned out hulk of cement and twisted steel. The cement shows where rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapons fire impacted.

This place will never regain its former splendor.

You never know what you're going to run into in Liberia.

Vigilantism is Alive & Well

On January 7, 2012 in a section of Monrovia called Paynesville, two money changers were confronted by four unidentified persons, each carrying a pistol. One of the suspects shot twice in the air to intimidate the victims before robbing them. A short while later, a suspect was apprehended by an angry mob and stoned to death. Later the same day, the body of another male was found in Paynesville. He was found face up with injuries consistent with stoning and a severe beating. He had a previous record of burglary and robbery and police believe he was one of the suspects in the robbery.

On 10 January, a male was found lying dead in the middle of the road in Brewerville just outside of Monrovia. His injuries were consistent with a severe beating. It was clear he had been killed at another location and dragged onto the road where he was found. Villagers at first said they didn't know his identity but one

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finally identified him as the "village criminal."

Early in January a female UN staff member was walking on Tubman Boulevard in Monrovia near the UN training building when a Liberian male on a motorbike attempted to snatch her pocketbook off her shoulder causing her to fall to the ground. A crowd gathered, dragged the suspect off the bike and began beating him. UN police guarding the building had to intervene to save the life of the suspect.

This type of mob vigilantism is endemic in Liberia, particularly out in the countryside.

Many of the crimes in Liberia are committed by former child soldiers who are unable or unwilling to work. These former child soldiers are held in both fear and hatred by the general populace, most of whom have had family members killed by these combatants during the war.

It's not uncommon at all for a woman who was raped during the war, or a family member of a murdered person to see the perpetrators walking free in their neighborhood. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission precludes prosecution for almost all crimes committed during the war in order to

further National Reconciliation and prevent another outbreak of civil war.

These former child soldiers are widely feared yet hated at the same time. So little wonder mobs will seek them out and exert their own home grown justice when they commit crimes.

But on a wider level, there is a general lack of confidence in the police and courts to punish law-breakers and enforce the rule of law equally to all regardless of wealth or position.

Once that confidence is lost in a community it's not surprising that people feel they have to act privately to keep the peace, provide for public safety and mete out justice. Essentially, vigilantism.

This won't change until the police and courts can earn the trust of the public. That's a big job. People remember that the conduct of much of the police and Army during the war was nothing less than barbaric.



You never know what you'll find in the bush. ABOVE: Girls going to school at the Bromley Mission, in their clean, which uniforms, strike a bright contrast to the rest of the rustic Liberian Bush. BELOW: The Pakistani Officers' Mess offers a luncheon in a formal atmosphere in the middle of the Liberian bush country. Photos by Gary Souza. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Police but the LNP still lives with that stain in the minds of the public. The despicable custom of many officers to ask for "small/small" only lessens the reputation of the LNP even more.

But there is hope here. There are many fine, honest LNP officers. Hopefully, with the help of the UN Police they can change the culture within the LNP. But that is a big job that will not be done without the financial support of the national government.

We UN police officers, especially, the 12 Americans here, are widely liked and respected by the populace. But we are advisors to the LNP not the actual police. We have no right of arrest and usually walk among the public unarmed. But our presence is useless unless we succeed in reconstituting the LNP and instill confidence in the populace that they will respect the rule of law. ●●●



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Boat surfaces after 3 years

USCG Press Release

A 26-foot pleasure boat, registered in the U.S., was located 20 miles off the northern coast of Spain, Jan. 17, 2012, three and a half years after stormy sea conditions ejected its crew off the coast of Nantucket, Mass.

The U.S. Coast Guard received the report of the located flotsam from Maritime Rescue Coordination Center Madrid Jan. 24, 2012, and was able to link the vessel to a search and rescue case that occurred Aug. 25, 2008, near Nantucket, Mass.

During that case, the Coast Guard responded to reports of two men who had been ejected from the center console vessel Queen Bee while attempting to cross a bar in 6 to 8-foot sea conditions. Both men were able to swim to Esther Island, Mass., and were provided first aid upon recovery. Aboard the vessel were: Scott Douglas, Rich St. Pierre

The men located a rescue bag with a PFD and swam for two hours in an effort to reach the nearest shoreline.

“Three things popped out after we got hit,” said Douglas, the vessel owner and operator. “Rich, me, and that bag.”

“There were times when both of us didn’t think we were going to make it,” said Douglas. “Everything had to go our way. It was a miracle.”

Due to the dangerous sea state, the vessel was left to drift once the men were rescued.

The Queen Bee likely drifted into

the Gulf Stream and then north to the North Atlantic Current, said Art Allen with the Coast Guard’s office of Search and Rescue. From there it would have headed east to Spain before being located 1,241 days later, after a 3,500 nautical mile trip.

Referring to the boat’s extended voyage, Dr. Don Murphy with the U.S. Coast Guard’s International Ice Patrol’ said that a trans-Atlantic drift is rare, but not unheard of.

The Coast Guard deploys data collection buoys designed to track, study, and report currents in the northern Atlantic, said Murphy. Those buoys have been recovered



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Great sports from Fairhaven's past

By Bob Hobbs
Special to the Neighb News

1949

The Fairhaven High School football team boasted a 5-3 record with big wins over NB Voke 44-0 and Attleboro, led by QB E. Parker, E. Maury Demanche, RB Sherm Kinney, and newcomer Bart Leach.

The basketball team was led by two sophomores: Bart leach and Lou Shurtleff. They ended up near the top of Bristol County League with big wins over New Bedford, Coyle and NB Voke. Senior Sherm Kinney, Charley Rutkoski, John Hennessey, George Graves, Dick Norman, Norris Drew



ABOVE: The 1949 Basketball team. First Row: Bo Leach, Shurtliff, Kinney, Rutkoski, Hennessey, Graves. Second Row: Unknown, Livesey, Drew, Norman, Figarito, Parker, Demanche. Third Row: Unknown, Cardoza, Samiro, Baldwin, Silvera, Boyl, Unknown. LEFT: The 1949 cheerleading squad. Members are head cheerleader Maureen Mahoney, Jo-Ann Walker, Barbara Strojny, Janice Tripp, Peggy d'Anjou, Ann Reece, and Jane Macomber. Photos from yearbook.

were big contributors.

Baseball team did very well let by Leach, Demanche, Al Figerito, Dick Norman,

and Sherm Kinney, who went on to Springfield College and signed with the Boston Braves.

As always, the FHS Cheerleaders were outstanding in Spirit and Enthusiasm.

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The clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day and seniors from the C.O.A. had a very busy couple of months. They were entertained by the 'Showstoppers' a group of children trying to make an impact on the community by providing free musical entertainment to the elderly. The seniors also enjoyed a performance of 'Sister Act' presented by Social Day staff and volunteers. 'Tap N Time', a recently added Seated Exercise Program, brought a smile to their faces and tap shoes on their feet. If you like to be entertained, and have fun, please join us. Submitted photos. See page 14 for information on Fairhaven's Social Day Program administered at the Senior center.

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Mon., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Study Comm.

Tues., 2/14, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/2, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/9, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 2/8, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 2/6, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

Wed., 2/15, Hastings MS, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 2/6, Comm. Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 2/28, Parting Ways Sch, 6:30 p.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/13, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues. 2/7, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 2/6, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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He said he was just happy it was not an empty box. The contents will be catalogued by the Millicent Library's archivist and put on display in the library.

The new time capsule, for the bicentennial year 2012, will be sealed in a chest made from a town oak tree and steel from Ft. Phoenix, and put on display in the town hall lobby.

"People in the next 50 years will know exactly where it is," said Mr. Oliveira.

But that won't be nearly as much fun. •••

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Letters from our readers

Wife agrees with Nazi comparison

I just want to say that Curt is one of the most humane, sensitive, intelligent, people I have every known and I am proud he is my "better half." I feel his comparisons were right on and if the local papers cannot see why the comparisons were made, well so be it.

We were flooded with calls from people who understood the comparisons and the points he was making. They were highly supportive.

I think that the "Our View" (Standard Times 1/27) and the editorial in the [Fairhaven] Neighborhood News (1/26/12 issue) were totally uncalled for, and if how Curt got his point across was what they got out of his presentation than they surely missed a lot.

Dawn Devlin, Fairhaven

Devlin presentation was best one

I request that you state an editorial appology to Mr. Curt Devlin. Unlike the other presenters, at the Forum; he was the only one that presented & demonstrated the supported, medical, referenced material to the general polulace's knowledge level of understanding. He performed remarkable well in his researching the referenced material, organizing it, and presenting it to the general public...at concerned level of interest.

He may not have had as much education, as the other presenters; but he was the only one that produced an outstanding effort of evidence to the general public welfare (for now & preparing them for possible consequences). He demonstrated the true meaning of friendship; informing and caring about the safety & health concerned of the Fairhaven public.

The other presenters were only interested in financial gains/profitability from their contracted companies or public agencies.

The war goes on, until all Fairhaven residents have a moral say on the safety, health & legal considerations, of the installation of these 2 wind turbines.

From the numerous scientific & researched website reference material, personal testimonies of people living near wind turbines, and observing forum presentations; my decision will not change... Oppose the

installation of the two wind turbines. Install at another location legal safe distance. Have the new location's general public vote on wind turbines being installed.

Cesar D. Sousa, Fairhaven

Developer responds to forum criticism

Our thanks go to the people of Fairhaven who came to listen and learn at the Wind Forum on Tuesday. The constant barrage of misinformation from a focused letter writing campaign by a handful of Fairhaven residents has to have made some people concerned.

In particular, we are thankful to Ms. Alicia Barton McDevitt, the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for honoring Fairhaven with the first public presentation of the study which DEP and the Department of Public Health commissioned from independent experts. As Dr. Robert McCunney explained during his presentation, the DEP's results are virtually identical to the results of the study he was engaged in several years ago. They also parallel the results of a similar independent study just released in Oregon and prior ones in Ontario, Australia and the United Kingdom.

As reported last month in the Sydney Morning Herald:

The British Acoustics Bulletin has just published what is now the 10th independent review of the evidence on wind farms causing annoyance and ill health in people. And for the 10th time it has emphasised that annoyance has far more to do with social and psychological factors in those complaining than any direct effect from sound or inaudible infrasound emanating from wind turbines.

A few extracts give the flavour: "the degree of annoyance is only slightly related to noise level"; "the fact that someone was complaining was mainly determined by the personality of the individual"; "fear of the noise source can increase annoyance"; and "adverse feelings . . . were influenced by feelings of lacking control, being subjected to injustice, lacking influence, and not being believed".

Unfortunately, the evening was marred by slanderous remarks from Curt Devlin representing the Fairhaven Windwise group (who gave him a standing ovation for those remarks) when he compared building a wind turbine to human experimentation in the Nazi death camps. (How does he feel about coal fired power plants which spew particulates, sulfur dioxide, mercury and other heavy metals into the air for hundreds of miles to be inhaled by the residents of Fairhaven.) Mr. Devlin should issue a formal retraction and he and those who applauded him owe the Town an apology. When we invited a representative of Windwise to participate, we never dreamt that they would stoop so low.

Maybe we should not have been surprised. Character assassination seems to be a favorite tactic of the opponents. Even before DEP issued its study results, the independent experts were being criticized as pawns of the Patrick administration. Is that also the critics' excuse for all the other studies around the world that came to the same conclusion? The experts are criticized if they have experience in the wind industry and if they do not. Windwise even distributed a handout at the Forum with snide remarks about the panelists to try to undercut their credibility. The only people Windwise believes you can trust are the ones that they cite who cannot even get published in peer-reviewed journals. How independent is their favorite McPherson noise study consultant that displays a cartoon of wind turbines attacking people on its website?

Mr. Devlin admits he is not an expert, but he is a fine speaker. However, one cannot cobble together half-truths to make truth. Any scientist knows that cause and effect, not correlation, are what matters. If correlation were all that mattered, we could predict the outcome of the upcoming Super Bowl based on a camel named Princess. If, as Mr. Devlin suggests, we need only trust what we can see with our own eyes, and not the scientists, we would still be living on a flat earth.

Mr. Devlin claims some expertise in logic, but how logical is it to combine his statements that ultrasound does

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not fade with distance, allowing whales to communicate for over hundreds of miles, with the suggestion that one only need move the turbines 2 kilometers (1.24 miles) away from any residence. The logic is, Mr. Devlin concluded, that one could not place any wind turbine anywhere in Fairhaven or in eastern Massachusetts. Yet, as presented by Mr. Gump of Portsmouth, RI, and Mr. Shah with his slides of turbines in other communities, over half of the existing wind turbines in eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island are located at or within a half mile of schools with no ill effects reported. (Kudos to the Fairhaven Neighborhood News for actually going out to some of those schools to do its own research.)

How logical is it to trust self-proclaimed non-expert Mr. Devlin and his non-peer reviewed reports vs. panels of international experts and peer-reviewed scientific literature?

Dr. McCunney was too polite to take on Mr. Devlin and go through his presentation slide-by-slide to counter Mr. Devlin's misleading statements about epidemiology and case studies. Dr. McCunney knows all too well how hysterics and false perceptions can bring on psychosomatic illnesses. He sees patients with these issues.

We encourage Fairhaven residents who did not see the Forum and still have questions and concerns to watch the presentations to be rebroadcast this week on channel 18* and listen carefully to what is being said and by whom.

*Gordon Deane, President
of Palmer Management,*

Manager of Fairhaven Wind LLC.

**See page 6 for schedule.*

Turbines opinion aside, Nazi reference unnecessary

At this time I have not finalized my opinion on the wind turbines. However one thing for sure I can give an opinion on is how the majority of the WindWise folks conduct themselves at public meetings. I saw the video of how rude they were at a selectmen's meeting on their own website. Then again I saw how they acted the other night at the forum on the project at the Hastings School.

Every time when presentors were giving an opinion or answering a question and this group did not like the how or what was being answered

they would voice their concerns over the presentor. However, when someone from WindWise wants the floor they expect that the room should be silent.

I was taken aback when one of the presentors from WindWise tried to connect the dots back to the German War crimes. As he presented, in the last two years more data is out than six years ago and that data should be reviewed. If that is a strong point for this group why go back to the forties and the war crimes to connect information. You just can not have it both ways.

Informational meetings and discussions are just that. One person speaks while others listen and process the information. Then when it is their turn to voice an opinion the same respect should be given. Being RUDE to presentors does not represent Fairhaven well. We are better than that no matter how emotional a topic is.

Steve Riley, Fairhaven

Forum was a "sham"

On Tuesday, 1/24, at Fairhaven's Middle School town officials and Palmer Capital defended their turbine project. Way too little way too late is an understatement in so many ways. Called a forum, it was any thing but. The DEP, driven to this point by politics, was there to defend their bogus health report.

Gordon Deane, the developer, sent his paid surrogate. And the wind industry's compensated experts were on hand. The usual tactics were followed. The developer and paid experts speak at length in a monotone. The main point is to eat up the clock. Say only good things about their moneymaking project, put people to sleep, and limit the response time for the opponents in the process. If they can stretch it out long enough people will leave, or in a Town Meeting, the question will be called after everybody is fed up with listening to anything pro or con.

Of course this was a sham forum from its inception and lackluster in nature. Their hearts didn't seem into it.

No town officials even bothered to appear on the stage. Brian Bowcock didn't bother to show, and Jeff Osuch stood in the back chatting and smirking. Peter Deterra, chairperson

of our phony Health Board, stood alongside with the other boys.

The town fire chief did manage to yell at a young lady who stood at the podium and pleaded to speak about her concerns. After about an hour and half of listening she had to leave. The Fire Chief I believe yelled for her to sit down. I think he thought he was calling the question. It was a nice touch. None of their supporters even bothered to throw any softball questions at the developer or his experts.

Everybody knows, if this thing was to have meant anything it had to happen at least six months ago.

So it makes me wonder, why the overkill. Neighbors who had come from Falmouth and Portsmouth to give testimony about the turbines, the same turbines praised by the proponents, weren't allowed to speak. Informed earlier about the "Ground Rules" WindWise members had planned to read statements from these people and that was nixed. In this public space in my town the first amendment was suspended for the evening.

Most people behaved. I didn't. I managed to read into the record most of a letter written by someone who works at the sewer plant near the turbine in Falmouth. The letter was to Falmouth's Board of Health.

I could feel the police at my back as he signaled them to stop me. But I felt it was important to know from one of the experts, Dr. McCunney, whether someone who was suffering from dizziness, nausea and tinnitus could be written off as some body that was just annoyed. Issues associated with turbines were essentially just an annoyance.

This is part of what she wrote to the Falmouth Board of Health, "Since this turbine went into full operation, I've been suffering from vertigo, dizziness, tinnitus and a feeling of pressure in my ears. The pressure can best be described as the feeling you get when driving up a mountain; except that yawning or chewing gum doesn't ease the pressure as it does when driving up a mountain. The vertigo is constant, even when I'm at home in Harwich. If I look up, down, or turn my head quickly I have to hold on to something so I don't fall down. When I lay down in my bed at night,

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the room spins and the same thing happens if I turn over in bed. This sometimes causes nausea. I also have trouble concentrating at work, but not at home. I am in perfect health with no history of motion sickness, ear problems, or vertigo.

"I was home in Harwich for four days during the Christmas holiday and my vertigo lessened so much that I could move my head with only minor dizziness, rather than needing to grab onto something to keep from falling. The blocked feeling in my ears cleared up as well. Today I returned to work and my ears feel blocked and the vertigo is worsening."

Until all aspects of this project are looked [at], these turbine cannot be erected.

Fairhaven's Board of Health has refused to act as required by Massachusetts General Law CHAPTER 111, Section 143. To say its chairperson is only inadequate is another gross understatement.

The question remains, when a town official refuses to act in relation to law isn't it up to the Attorney General to step in?

Henry Ferreira, Fairhaven

Conspirators...All of Them!

I hope all the people who make reports of getting ill because of IWTs are all conspiring together because they are really closet NIMBYS. That would be great, because then all the reports from all over the world would be bogus. That's right, bogus. All the people from the UK, or Germany, or New Zealand, or right here in the good old USA. There are reports from everywhere in the world about people who have "presumable" health issues with these IWTs. Conspirators, all of them, I say. With the internet woven fabric society that we live in, they can all be in "cahoots." I sure hope so.

I sure hope that after these IWTs go up as part of a municipal project, that none of the people working over at the WWTP or in the yard area gets some of these symptoms. Can you imagine if one of the workers began to have bouts of vertigo. He tells his friends and family about his symptoms and how they are so much like the symptoms that that girl from Falmouth wrote about. That's the girl who works 650' from the Notus WT in Falmouth. Her symptoms, like the

Vertigo and dizziness, started right after the IWTs started. What if he got dizzy and fell and lost control of something that lead to him, or someone else, getting seriously hurt. I mean really hurt. Loss of limb. Loss of mobility. Loss of life.

Good thing there are no real studies done to show that this person could have been affected by the IWTs. Can you imagine the lawsuit if that ever happened. You'd be fighting off the lawyers trying to get a piece of that action. This way they can just write that person off as something other than IWT affected. Maybe he could join the other family of NIMBYS. We who are..... Not Impressed Much By Your Study.

Remember that Toyota problem where the cars just went crazy. They would just accelerated on their own. One guy went to jail for manslaughter for reckless driving. His crazy defense was "The car just accelerated on its own." Yeah, Right! This could not be the way it really happened, after all Toyotas don't do that. It had to be that he drove his car carelessly with the result being that people died.

Even after several people complained about this same thing happening to them, no one thought this was the car's problem. But after a while there were a lot of these complaints. Good thing some people got together to see if there really was a problem with the acceleration of certain Toyotas, because it did not happen to all Toyotas.

Good thing they didn't just read the reviews from sometime in the past from highly rated magazines like "Road and Track" or one of the other great car review publications. Many of those publications would not have a single thing in there regarding acceleration. Most of them would go on and on about Toyota, and what great cars they are. Nope. What they did was to take the Toyotas, the exact models of the ones that these people actually drove, and did a "Study" of these cars. Talk about thinking outside the box. Take the actual car and test that car. What a great idea. By the way, they found out by doing these actual studies, not just reading older writings, that there was a problem with these cars. Not all of them, just some of them.... Back to our worker.

What if sooner or later there was

such an outcry from people from all over the world about adverse affects and how people believed it was from these IWTs, that many great studies on the affects of IWTs were suddenly done. Actual studies done by many accredited scientists from all over the world. They would go out to the people actually affected by these turbines and test these very real people. Kind of like testing the actual car. What if these studies proved there were reasons some people became ill, while others did not become ill.

Scientists with studies so well done that they became written up in great publications and magazines. Publications so great that their work could now be accepted and accredited. They could then be peer reviewed by a panel of experts to do a report regarding their findings. This panel of experts wouldn't even have to go out into the field to see if its true. They can just read the reviews. The lawyers would read them too. What's that about 5 to 12 million over twenty years in savings, from a marginally acceptable wind turbine going into the town's coffers. We'll need more than that. We'll have to do better.

Hope we are well insured. He hired "who" as his lawyer. Hope we can settle this one.

Wayne Vieira, Fairhaven

At What Cost

Fairhaven's Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Jeffrey Osuch have used the argument that that the turbine project in Fairhaven will make money for the town. I will let you decide if the financial benefits support their argument.

WindWise has documented numerous studies done by scientists, researchers, and engineers showing the harmful health effects of industrial wind turbines. WindWise has documentation that the school board, the board of Selectmen, and the Health Board have been alerted to the dangers and risks from having two 400' industrial wind turbines located close to neighborhoods and an elementary school.

The town has been provided an avalanche of research as well as testimony from those living near similar size turbines. If you knew the

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town had been informed on the risks and you were living in the areas surrounding the Industrial Wind Turbines and you or a member of your family became ill, what would you do?

The case against the town for causing harm will be compelling because the town knew before hand that there was a potential for harm if the developer and the town went forward. The town could be faced with a massive class action lawsuit as well as individual lawsuits which could push the town into insolvency.

Whatever money that the town may gain from the project would be miniscule compared to the loss to the town.

Property values will go down and it will be even more difficult to sell homes in the impacted area. Would you want to purchase a home near one of these two 400-foot industrial wind turbines? The resulting loss in tax revenue will have to be made up by the rest of the town's residents. This will only further add to the financial plight of the town.

Another matter which the town must consider is the legal costs of taking on a legal battle with their own residents. Personal injury and class action lawsuits will certainly be filed and the cost to the town could mount up to well over a half a million dollars in legal fees.

An additional cost is the loss of

support to the environmental movement. The Falmouth Health crisis caused by the one industrial wind turbine in Falmouth has halted all land based Industrial Wind Turbine Projects on the Cape.

The Fairhaven project with two industrial wind turbines affecting a much larger population has the potential to be much more devastating than the Falmouth project.

Fairhaven is ground zero in the wind wars and is headed for the perfect storm which has the potential to devastate the community and shut down land based industrial wind projects state wide.

Kenneth W. Pottel, Fairhaven

The Heat is On: FinCom Votes for Police HVAC; DeNardis Resigns

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Finance Committee Chairperson John Roderiques announced the resignation of member Antonio "Dan" DeNardis at the beginning of the January 26th Finance Committee meeting. Citing the conflict of interest that prevented him from participating in the Special Town Meeting discussion at the previous meeting, Mr. DeNardis resigned effective immediately.

"I'm going to miss Dan," Mr. Roderiques said. "He was certainly the voice of reason."

Mr. Roderiques added that Mr. DeNardis always had the best interests of the community in mind when he acted on the FinCom.

Because of the resignation, the FinCom quorum changed from seven to six of the eleven seated members, making it possible to vote on the Police Department reserve fund transfer request. The week before, the chief had asked for a transfer to fix a broken HVAC unit.

Mr. Roderiques asked if there were any other recusals before turning the chair over to member Sidney Martin. Kim Hyland also recused himself and left the room.

Mr. Martin asked Police Chief Michael J. Myers if the information provided was still current, and whether the station house was still without heat. Chief Myers answered affirmatively to both questions. Member Ted Silva asked how soon

the new HVAC unit could be installed.

"Hopefully very shortly," Chief Myers said, adding it could be put in as soon as the company got the unit and a crane to put it on the roof.

FinCom voted 6-0 to approve the \$7,200 reserve fund transfer in order to replace the HVAC unit at the Police Department, with Mr. Roderiques and Mr. Hyland recusing themselves. Members Jennifer Bishop, Kathleen Carter and Scott Fernandes were absent.

An article for accepting the settlement of the Highway division contract for FY12 had been added to the February STM. Since the warrant had to be printed on Wednesday February 1, Mr. Roderiques suggested that the FinCom vote to recommend at Town Meeting the articles presented to date. FinCom voted 8-0 with three members absent to make recommendations at Town Meeting.

Later in the meeting, as the FinCom discussed the three articles presented previously, Mr. Roderiques asked for comments on whether the committee wished to make recommendations on Articles 1 or 2.

Article one would make recalling an elected official easier by requiring the signatures of 10% of registered voters in 10 days instead of 20% in 14 days. Article two would create term limits for town elected officials effective with the April 2012 elections.

FinCom member Padraic Elliott asked whether there had to be a

financial impact for the FinCom to take it up. Mr. Roderiques said it didn't, but that it would be a break from the past for the FinCom to do so.

Member Theresa Szala said that she did not want to set precedence in reviewing Articles 1 and 2, as there was already ample work for them to do. Mr. Silva agreed.

FinCom reviewed Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch's data that they requested at the January 19th meeting on the financial impacts of Article 3, which would "suspend" the contract and stop the work on two industrial wind turbines currently being erected on town land behind the wastewater treatment plant on Arsene Street. FinCom members had received a copy of the Town's contract with CCI Energy.

On questioning, Mr. Osuch said that the wind turbines cost \$9 million to erect, and that the wind turbine firm had an expectation of a 15% profit on the sale of power. The turbines are expected to generate 7 million kilowatt hours (kWh) annually.

Mr. Elliott asked how much the firm had spent so far. Mr. Osuch said he had no personal knowledge of what the company spent. But he said that the turbines had arrived in the U.S., the crane needed to install it was located in Scituate, Mass., and would be brought to Fairhaven. Also, the developer had cleared the land, was working on the foundation, and spare

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parts had been purchased.

Mr. Hyland asked about a \$50,000 payment to the Town. Mr. Osuch said there was an agreement that CCI would pay the Town \$50,000 per site or \$100,000 total to lease the sites.

Mr. Osuch said that the Town would buy power from CCI at 7.43 cents per kWh. NSTAR charges about 9¢ per kWh and would reimburse the Town at that rate for all the energy the Town uses. Therefore, the Town would see savings of about 2 cents per kWh on energy it used. The Town uses about 6 million kWh per year.

The Town's wastewater treatment plant was "behind the meter." Its savings would be greater than 2 cents per kWh, Mr. Osuch said.

Ms. Szala asked what the Town would be sued for in addition to the \$9 million and the 15% profit if the project didn't go forward.

Mr. Roderiques, who is also an attorney, said that in breach of contract lawsuits where there is no valid reason for the breach, the contractor could claim actual damages and lost profits.

Mr. Osuch said that would include the purchase of the turbine and transport to the U.S., clearing the land, installation of the pole, line, concrete foundation and anchor bolts. For example, the anchor bolts, he said, were drilled down 35 to 40 feet into bedrock. The concrete pad will be about ten feet deep.

If the Town Meeting votes to approve the article, it also will have to be approved by the Attorney General. Mr. Roderiques reiterated that Town Meeting has no authority to void a contract, that only the Selectboard has that authority and that issue has been taken up in court.

He asked Mr. Osuch if and when Town Counsel's opinion would be available. Mr. Osuch said that the Selectboard had discussed it in executive session and expected it to come back to them on February 6th at their next meeting.

FinCom member Ronald Quintin asked if the word "legal" added in front of the word "actions" in Article 3 would correct the error. Mr. Roderiques said it did not, as the problem was with jurisdiction. He likened it to a real estate transaction closing.

"You don't get to back out just because you think you got a bad

deal," Mr. Roderiques said.

The petitioners of the articles are expected at the 2/2 meeting.

The FinCom reviewed warrant articles submitted for the spring Town meeting. Mr. Roderiques was concerned about five articles submitted by the Retirement Board.

"This Town is not going to survive the retirement plan we've got and you want to add on to it?" Mr. Roderiques asked Mr. Osuch, who sits on the Retirement Board. "I want the Retirement Board to come in and talk about their articles."

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Mr. Osuch said that some of the changes were state mandates. The articles included a minimum survivor allowance increase from \$250 to \$500 per month; a minimum retirement allowance; and a cost of living allowance (COLA) base increase from \$12,000 to \$13,000. A Retirement Board stipend increase was removed from the list as the current board does not received a stipend.

Some of the articles for the STM were also placed on the spring TM, as was an article that has come up in the past and failed. Petitioners have filed an article requesting a vote at TM to rescind

the Cushman Park easement at Park Avenue. Another returned article was the Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection article that was voted down by four votes last year.

Two road construction articles had been submitted — one

for Dogwood Street and Wayne Street. But in discussing the overall budget plan, Mr. Roderiques said that "money is at a premium" and it will be a choice between cutting schools, highways, or police and fire.

"I don't see where there's room to cut [police and fire]," said Mr. Roderiques. "It was voted at Town Meeting to have at least five guys per shift."

Other salary cutbacks require a 3 to 1 reduction, he said. In order to cut \$50,000 from salaries, three people would have to be cut because the Town has to pay unemployment insurance up to \$36,000 per person.

The committee also began a preliminary review of Article 4, the Town's general budget. They voted 8-0 to recommend their own budget with a decrease of about 2%. The FinCom also voted 8-0 to approve a \$175,000 reserve fund, and \$25,000 each for the sewer and water retained earnings funds. ...

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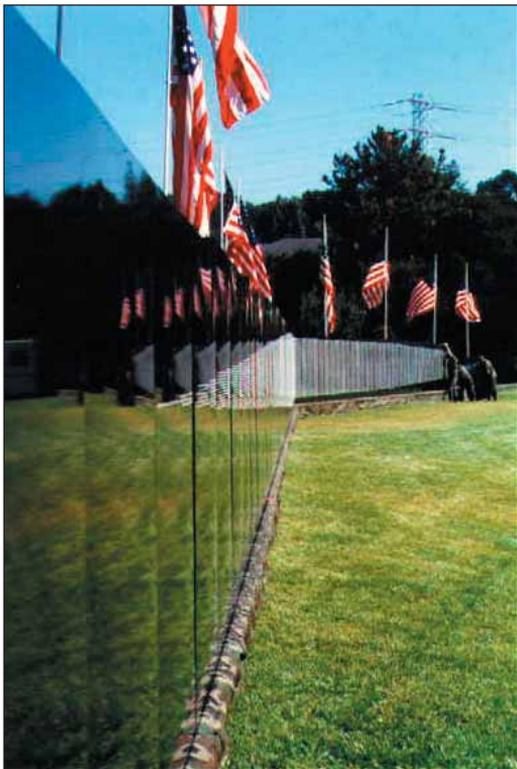
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DCR seeks comment on three recreation areas

Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) unveiled its draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Ft. Phoenix, Nasketucket Bay and West Island State Reservations on January 11th for public review and commentary.

The draft, which has been under development since April of last year, was received with generally positive commentary from the 20 residents and interested citizens who attended the public forum meeting at the Millicent Library.

There are 385 DCR properties statewide, grouped into 80 smaller "planning units"; the Ft. Phoenix planning unit includes the 28-acre Ft. Phoenix recreational area that encompasses a public beach, bathhouses, athletic courts and parking facilities; Nasketucket Bay, which covers 210-acres of wooded tracts and shoreline stretching between Fairhaven and Mattapoisett; and 360 acres on West Island that includes woods, swimming areas, and an unofficial beach that has developed informally by visitors over the years.

Every reservation, park, and forest requires a management plan, explained Paul Cavanaugh, the regional planner for DCR who has worked with the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett to develop the RMP, with input from residents from both communities

The RMP identified 77 management recommendations, ranked due to importance with 29 classified as high priorities. Resources are currently available to implement 13 of these high priority recommendations and DCR anticipates that resources will be available in the next five years to implement an additional twelve. The recommendations can be grouped into five categories, each pertaining to a specific management goal.

Goal 1 is to maintain and enhance existing recreation facilities, and the number one ranked recommendation was to maintain administrative roads during the winter.

"We met with Chief Meyers of Fairhaven and Chief Lyons of Mattapoisett, who gave us suggestions on how to improve public safety," said Mr. Cavanaugh. "We realized there was a need to keep up



The bathhouse at Fort Phoenix is a few years shy of being an historical structure, but the DCR considers it significant and wants to preserve its historical style. *Photo by Beth David.*

snow plowing even when the parks were closed to the public to allow police and public safety officials to routinely patrol the area."

Other recommendations that fell under this category included replacing rotting gates and repairing and sealing cracks in parking lots and tennis courts at Ft. Phoenix, improving signage and parking lot markings throughout Ft. Phoenix, and pursuing discussions to acquire the property between Ft. Phoenix Beach and Doane Street.

Goal 2 is to prepare for rising sea level and storm surge through methods appropriate for each property. Reputable sources, including research centers at Woods Hole have given predictions of sea level rise of 1.5 feet over next the 100 years, said Mr. Cavanaugh.

"We looked at how this would impact the flood zones in all three properties. We also looked at hurricane models for these properties, realized all the properties would be severely impacted, especially Ft. Phoenix."

Priority recommendations for Goal 2 include raising and expanding existing dunes at Ft. Phoenix Beach to decrease the potential frequency and severity of coastal storm impacts and to allow landward migration of salt marshes at Nasketucket and West Island.

Goal 3 is to enhance communication with park visitors to promote increased awareness, appreciation and protection of natural and cultural resources and to improve the visitor experience.

Mr. Cavanaugh provided photographic examples of multiple, non-standard signs that are often confusing to visitors. Some of the

recommendations included improved signage informing the public of actions to improve safety during the hunting seasons at Nasketucket Bay and West Island, and informing pet owners of their responsibility to control and clean up after their dogs.

Mr. Cavanaugh also noted that census data show that 19% of the residents in surrounding communities don't speak English at home — with Portuguese, Spanish and French as the top languages in the region — yet all of the signage on the properties are in English. The plan also recommends the installation of multilingual signs that meet DCR and national standards informing visitors of beach regulations and hours.

Goal 4 is to preserve and protect existing cultural resources and expand the level of public understanding of the cultural history of each reservation and the surrounding region. One recommendation included stabilizing the foundation of the Souza home site at Nasketucket — one of the known post-contact archeological sites from the time period after Europeans arrived in the area — and maintaining it as a preserved ruin.

While the Ft. Phoenix bathhouse is technically a few years shy of being considered an historical structure, it is still significant enough to warrant protection, said Mr. Cavanaugh. The plan recommends performing maintenance to preserve its architectural style.

"Like it or love it, the bathhouse style needs to be kept intact."

Although West Island has no known archaeological sites, it does have the landfill, which happens to be restricted due to its geographic

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location.

"There are signs people have been digging there, which is against state law," Mr. Cavanaugh explained.

All projects involving ground disturbance, even the digging of a hole to erect a sign, need to be submitted for archeological review and may require the preparation of a Mass. Historical Commission Project Notification Form.

Finally, recommendations to control Japanese knotweed and other invasive species, and to monitor and manage beach-nesting birds at West Island, apply to Goal 5, which is to enhance conservation by acquiring additional natural resources information and by actively managing rare species, uncommon natural communities, and invasive plants.

While there are no state or federal protected species linked specifically with Ft. Phoenix, approximately 97.2% of the Nasketucket area has been identified as priority habitats for box turtles and terns. West Island contains at least eight state-listed species, with 51.5% of them located in priority habitats in the salt marshes and dunes in the eastern half of the property (where the informal beach also is located).

The forum ended with a brief commentary period open to all present. Stephen Burns, Assistant Director of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project, raised questions about mosquito larvae control, which Mr. Cavanaugh said would be covered in sections of the plan pertaining to West Island.

Resident Pat Bernard wondered who was responsible for the bike trail and whether or not it was state-owned. Mr. Cavanaugh explained that the bike path was not a DCR trail and that the towns had control over the paths. He also pointed out that the Coalition for Buzzards Bay is pursuing the possibility of extending the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation lands, which would have some effects on the bike paths.

"There are a lot of partners working on different parts of this who think that it would be a great opportunity to go from park to park via bike trail," he added.

Inspired by the discussion of bike trails, a few residents asked DCR to consider developing a "blue trail," that is, a water trail that would allow

paddlers in canoes and kayaks to travel from one park to another. DCR representatives were quite taken by the idea of a blue trail, but noted that facilities at Ft. Phoenix specifically prohibit kayaks by state regulations.

"This could be one of the recommendations of the plan, however, to consider changing the law to allow a kayak launch area at Ft. Phoenix," said Mr. Cavanaugh.

The only critical comment of the evening was voiced by Cora Peirce, a Fairhaven resident and member of the Conservation Commission, who expressed disappointment that the DCR spent so much time on the report, yet would not have the staff that would be needed to implement the plan.

"The recommendations look great on paper but you don't have anyone to carry them out," she said, pointing out that the late Lewis Hannigan, supervisor of Ft. Phoenix, had been a

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"one-man show," who had to carry out much of the work unaided.

Assistant Commissioner and Director of State Parks and Recreation Priscilla Geigis addressed the questions regarding staffing, stating that budget and staffing issues have been a concern for DCR for quite some time.

"We have a struggle here in terms of not being able to backfill positions," she explained. "There's a team that goes to Ft. Phoenix to provide maintenance functions and seasonal teams that go around from site to site. We're doing the best we can with the resources we have."

"It would be great to hire a park supervisor, but we haven't been able to hire field positions since 2008," Ms. Geigis continued. "We have all these positions open all over the state, but we're not allowed to fill them. In the

absence of staff, we need to come up with creative ways to address this. We have wonderful successful friends groups all over the state and we need to foster volunteers."

"We should ask ourselves, 'how can we accomplish what we want with so few hands?'" added Joe Orfant, DCR bureau chief of Planning and Resource Protection. "We hope these plans will provoke people, create a sense of stewardship or what some people call advocacy."

Kathy Lopes, director of the annual 5K Road Race and Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge asked if DCR would consider doing something in memory of Lewis Hannigan.

"He's synonymous with Ft. Phoenix," said Ms. Lopes. "You had something in memory of Dave Silega at West Island, and it would be nice to see something at Ft. Phoenix for Lew."

Ms. Geigis said she was glad that people had mentioned Lew Hannigan.

"He really was a one-person operation who brought a tremendous amount of passion to the parks, and the parks won't be the same without him."

"Lew wore badge number 1 in the agency, and afterwards the DCR retired his badge number," Ms. Geigis continued. "We would love to see something done in his honor."

There will be a 30-day review period for the plan, from January 12th to February 13th. The full 78-page plan is available online at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/rmppsdy.htm>. Copies of the plan will be on display at the Fairhaven and Mattapoisett libraries for people without computer access.

Once the public commentary period closes in February, the RMP will be revised based on comments received. A final RMP will be submitted to the DCR Stewardship Council in either March or April of 2012 for approval.

Residents are encourage to comment on the plan either via e-mail addressed to DCR.Updates@state.ma.us, with "Fort Phoenix RMP" as the subject line, or in letters sent via U.S. Mail to: Fort Phoenix RMP Comments, PO Box 66, 194 Cranberry Road, South Carver, MA 02366. All comments will be publicly posted unedited. Contributors should not include any personal information. ●●●

No increase of “schoolitis” at schools with wind turbines

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Windwise, the group fighting the installation of two industrial wind turbines (IWTs) in Fairhaven, has raised concerns about the siting of the IWTs 2100 feet from the Wood School. Citing complaints from Falmouth residents that they have suffered adverse health effects from the IWT there, the group has insisted that students at the Wood School could get sick once the turbines start spinning.

The group refers to a set of symptoms including nausea, headaches, dizziness, anxiety and sleep disturbances called Wind Turbine Syndrome (WTS), which has been debunked by most scientists. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at least six schools have industrial wind turbines on school grounds, with no reported cases of WTS.

Michelle Proude, co-president of the Hull Public Schools PTO, said she had heard parents bring up concerns

about radio tower frequencies causing long-term health effects on the residents who live near them, but has never heard about a concern over WTS.

“When there was a mold issue at the elementary school...everybody heard about that,” said Ms. Proude, adding that someone would have mentioned something by now if IWT-related effects were an issue.

“This is the first time I’ve ever heard of it,” said AnnMarie Dunn, a member of the PTO board and booster club at Hull High School where her two teenagers attend.

Ms. Dunn said she was surprised by claims of illness associated with wind turbines. She said if WTS was affecting anyone at Hull High School or within the community, she would have heard about it by now.

“I’ve lived in this town my whole life,” Ms. Dunn said. “I’m very involved in our town and the school system. It’s been nothing but good for our town.”

In an email, Sheila Burke, PTO

member at the Andrews Middle School located in the McGlynn school complex in Medford, wrote: “I have heard of no such reports at my school.”

Kathy Dakermanji, also a member of the Andrews PTO stated, “I have not heard anything with regard to the wind turbine nor has my child ever complained of any symptoms.”

Portsmouth Abbey School is home to a 241-foot IWT that stands 1,000 feet from the boarding school’s dormitory.

Brother Joseph Byron has heard of WTS, but said he is certain that neither the students or staff, nor the monks living at the monastery have experienced any symptoms.

“The kids think it’s cool...they live, sleep, and board here,” said Brother Joseph, adding that he also lives alongside the IWT and has not experienced any problems.

The school nurses from Hull, Medford, and Templeton did not respond by press time.

Wind turbine foes have questionable connections

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WindWise, the group opposing the industrial wind turbine (IWT) project in Fairhaven, routinely and insistently urges residents to check into the backgrounds of “experts” and panel members who cite studies debunking Wind Turbine Syndrome (WTS).

Claiming that these experts have ties to the wind industry, the group says their work cannot be trusted.

WindWise urges people to be very skeptical of the results of those studies, as they present to the public studies that they say have been undertaken independently, insisting there are no conflicts of interest.

WindWise Cape Cod’s website provides links to many websites with information on WTS and the negative impact of IWTs.

For example, they provide a link to the website of Robert Bryce, who states that IWTs cause infrasound and negative health effects.

Robert Bryce, however, happens to be the Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research. According to Greenpeace, the Manhattan Institute has received funding by Exxonmobile and Koch Family Foundations.

Billionaire brothers, David and Charles Koch, founded Koch Industries, a major fossil fuel conglomerate.

Billionaire fossil fuel tycoon, Bill Koch, David Koch’s twin brother, is the founder and a major contributor to the group opposing the Cape Wind project, Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound.

Dr. Nina Pierpont conducted a study on WTS and IWT farms, which is often cited by WindWise as evidence that wind turbines make people sick. Dr. Pierpont and her husband, Calvin Luther Martin, an anti-wind activist, travel the country participating in panels that oppose IWTs and insist that WTS is real, despite being debunked by many scientists and medical doctors.

According to ABC Australia, and a group called The Checks and Balances Project, Dr. Pierpont’s study has been discredited repeatedly, and they allege that Pierpont “did not see her ‘subjects’ in person nor did she medically examine them.”

A major criticism by WindWise of the state’s recently released health study is that the panelists did not visit Falmouth and talk to people directly.

The Windwise Cape Cod website also provides links to the group Industrial Wind Action Group, whose website provides links to studies that have allegedly been linked to the fossil fuel industry. The founder, Lisa Linowes, is married to Jonathan Linowes, the founder of the Parkerhill Technology Group, who has proclaimed himself to be a “tea-partier” and a “climate change denier.”

Sourcewatch cites the Wisconsin Gazette, accusing Industrial Wind Action Group of repeatedly quoting so-called “front groups” tied to Koch Industries.

The Linoweses also formed the group National Wind Watch, for which Windwise Cape Cod also provides a link.

Duxbury WindWise just released a study done by Energy Venture Analysis Inc., which, according to Boston.com, has ties to big fossil-fuel.

- For more information, visit:
- http://articles.boston.com/2012-01-07/south/30587812_1_wind-energy-wind-power-turbine/2
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