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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Rogers School students show what they learn



Fairhaven's Rogers School held its science fair on Wed., 2/15. All students had to come up with a science project for display in their rooms and around the school. ABOVE, L-R: Josh Perry, 4th grade, tornadoes; Jacob Baiardi, 4th grade, searching for coal; Sophia Baiardi, 2nd grade, making brownies; Heather Perry, 2nd grade, the Red-Eyed Tree Frog. See page 16 to find out what they learned. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, I did it. I slipped up a couple of times this week. I didn't mean to, but...I let it slip how I really feel, personally, about these wind turibnes. I meant to keep my personal opinion to myself. But, I might as well fess up.

Here goes: If I had been a town meeting member in 2007, I would've voted against the project.

Okay, I said it.

Do you want to know why? Well, I'm going to tell you.

I'm a hiker (okay, not as much as 25 pounds ago, but the mentality is still there). I like the quiet places, I like looking at trees and marsh and mountains and hearing little streams trickle. I don't savor the thought of seeing and hearing two industrial wind turbines adjacent to Little Bay. (Well, of course, there is that treatment plant chugging away, and the electric substation buzzing, and Route 6 just a bit away, and Scoticut Neck Road...but, you know what I mean.)

Does that mean I think the town should breach the contract? No, it does not. Does that mean I will let all kinds of crazy talk invade my little paper in an attempt to stop these things from going up? No, it does not.

Town Meeting voted on this. We should respect that.

The fact is that thousands of people live near these things without any problems; some are mildly annoyed, but most are not bothered in the least. Some people have serious issues with them. That doesn't mean you stop all production of them. It means you find out what the problem is in those situations so you can prevent them from happening in other situations. Simply moving the IWTs farther away is not the answer because that doesn't explain why some people live so close with no problems. Clearly it's not as simple as just how far away they are from houses.

Most of the complaints about the existing turbines revolve around sound and shadow flicker. And town meeting knew all about noise and shadow flicker and ice throw back in 2007. And they voted for it anyway.

This business of pulling every single crazy analogy out of the hat to get people scared is just ridiculous. First it was shadow flicker causing epileptic attacks. When that got debunked it was Nazi experiments, now...well, I won't even justify the latest by mentioning it here.

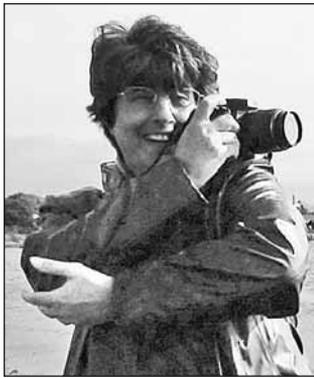
How many more ways can you find to insult people?

And what about that ice throw? I talked to someone who is afraid to use the bike path because of ice. I told her that if she is using the bike path on a freezing cold, wet day, she should look up as she nears the IWTs. If she sees ice, she can always turn around and walk the other way. Look up. Please. But be careful, watching those blades spin from underneath really WILL make you dizzy, and if you don't watch your step, you WILL fall down.

But that's just plain old common sense. No mysterious disease traveling subterraneously to attack you in your bed.

And, also, for the record: I hate telephone poles, mail boxes, and those GAWDAWFUL "tubes" that the conglomerate across the river uses for its daily sheet.

Ah Whitney, we're going to miss you. But, alas, I must run.



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS

Nothing this week? Really?  
Don't be shy now. Let us know.

# Bicentennial events: let the festivities begin

Fairhaven's bicentennial officially begins on Feb. 22, the date of the town's incorporation in 1812. The Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee has been very busy planning a whole year of events. Beginning with....

## Fairhaven Birthday Party

On **Wed., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 3p.m.**, Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St.

Enjoy birthday cake and coffee at the Town Hall on the 200th anniversary of the town's incorporation. Many Town Hall staffers will be dressed in historical costumes. Free.

## Bicentennial Concert

Providence Brigade Band, **Sat., Feb. 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, Town Hall.

This free concert features the Providence Brigade Band, a 19th century period brass band specializing in traditional music from the

1800s and the Civil War period. Free. Accessible.

## Ceremony of Incorporation

Fairhaven's 1812 Incorporation, **Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.**, Fairhaven Town Hall. Accessible

A program including the 1812 Articles of Incorporation, music and public addresses by local officials will be presented, followed by birthday cake in the banquet room and a **lantern walk to Cushman Park for a bonfire**. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee. Free.

## Bonfire and Fireworks

**Saturday, February 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**, Cushman Park, Green Street.

A lantern walk from the Town Hall following the Bicentennial Program will lead to a public gathering to

enjoy a blazing bonfire and ground fireworks presented by Dr. Brian Bowcock. Sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee. Free. Accessible.

## Colonial Club Historical Tea

See page 6 for details

## Ecumenical Service

**Sunday, February 26, at 2:00 p.m.**, First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven. An all-faith ecumenical service with an all-church choir. Sponsored by the First Congregational Church and other Fairhaven churches. Free. Accessible.

## Banquet and Ball

See page 6 for details

For a full list of events visit [www.fairhaven200.blogspot.com](http://www.fairhaven200.blogspot.com) or the office of tourism website, <http://fairhavenevents.blogspot.com/>

## Last chance for 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.

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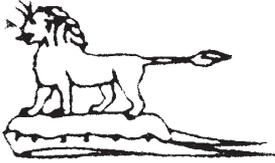
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# Selectboard hears BPW budget plans & woes

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

Significant water and sewer expenditures are looming in the future for Fairhaven, but for now the board of public works is trying to maintain services with a level funded budget, according to department heads.

BPW superintendent Vincent Furtado, along with highway, parks, and water department heads, met with the selectboard for their annual budget hearing Monday night, 2/13, to justify capital improvement requests and to explain what could, and what could not, be sacrificed.

The parks and grounds department was able to show a 3% budget cut, primarily by reducing the contracts for summer assistance.

"Equipment repairs, beach expenses, electricity, everything is level funded all the way down. We have no capital outlay, and we couldn't reduce our temporary help any further, but we were able to cut out two-and-a-half weeks worth of service in the summer," said highway superintendent John Charbonneau. "Basically a lot of the weed-whacking won't get done in the summer."

The highway department budget showed a 2.4% reduction in salaries and wages, mainly due to seasoned personnel leaving and being replaced by new workers at lower steps, but also had a request of \$159,000 to replace the town's sweeper.

"It would cost \$75,000 to refurbish the existing machine, but I can't see throwing \$75,000 at a 14-year old machine," said Mr. Charbonneau. "It's an important piece of equipment and something we need to replace."

He said he got a price for a two-year lease, but the finance director told him he could not enter into a lease.

Selectboard member Brian Bowcock explained that having leases could adversely affect the town's bond rating.

"The higher our bond rating, the lower our interest rates," said Dr. Bowcock. "Fairhaven has a double A bond rating at the moment and... we're currently careful to protect that."

A \$3,000 increase for salaries in the sewer department was offset by reductions in supplies, but the town is facing costs for replacing Ultraviolet module ballasts and an auto sampler, which is required by the Environmental Protection Agency,

warned sewer superintendent Linda Schick.

The water department's salaries and wage line showed a decrease of 1%, also because of personnel transfers and newer workers at lower pay scales, which helped offset increases in postage costs.

Increases in lab testing costs, including regular checks for contaminants and coliform bacteria, which will cost approximately six to seven thousand dollars, have also been absorbed in other areas of the budget.

"The only thing that changed is the water district assessment, which changed by three percent," said Ms. Schick. "This is a number that comes from the district which we have no control over."

A number of town meeting articles involve considerable expenditures for the BPW. The three most pressing projects, including several safety-related repairs needed at the water

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## The three most pressing projects ... will total nearly \$1.6 million.

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pump stations, rehabilitating the 25-year old wastewater treatment plant, funds for preliminary assessment reports for the rehab project, and repairs to the Boston Hill water tank, will total nearly \$1.6 million.

"It's going to cost \$1.5 million dollars for the Boston Hill water tank, and we're not sure where that article will go. We're trying to figure out how we'll be able to fund that," said Mr. Furtado. "We've put in for revolving loans for a new water tank but we don't score high enough for the grant applications."

"It's not going to be popular, but there hasn't been a rate increase in six years," continued Mr. Furtado. "The water account ran in a deficit last year, and we'll have to increase rates by 4% to break even. It's not something we need to do this year, but something we'll need to do in the future."

Although there is enough money in enterprise funds to cover the costs of all four articles, it would be close to

using up all the funds, which Mr. Furtado was reluctant to do.

"I tend to be conservative in that way, and I think it would be a mistake to support all four [projects] even though we need all four, so we've put the articles in order of the priority of need," he said.

The selectboard and executive secretary, however, felt that all four projects were critical.

"Everyone has their own priorities, but water and sewer are critical for everyone," commented Dr. Bowcock.

"I think the tank itself is a priority," added Mr. Osuch. "All the water that people drink goes into those tanks, and the longer you wait to maintain the tank, the worse it's going to get."

Mr. Osuch took the department to task, stating that it was poor planning to allow rehabilitation and improvement work to slide by for so long.

"Treatment plants need capital improvements about every twenty years, and this plant was built in 1968. It was upgraded in 1988 and was scheduled for capital improvements again in 2007-2008, but it wasn't done at the time," he said. "Even though money was appropriated for it then, it wasn't spent on that."

Selectboard chair Michael Silvia pointed out that the current BPW superintendent has only been in the job for a few months, saying the town needed to cut the department a little slack.

"People need to understand the board of public works has a new superintendent, and hopefully this new management will bring the department in a new direction," he said.

Other BPW articles slated for town meeting include:

- Funds to replace jacks in the department's radios to bring their systems into compliance with federal narrow band radio standards by Jan., 2015
- Funds to complete the fence replacement at Macomber Field, a project begun in stages, and;
- \$330,000 for road work on side streets along the Causeway.

One request, to keep up to \$4,000 in a park field maintenance revolving account, surprised the BPW department heads, who claimed that they had not submitted the article. It was, apparently, a request carried over from previous years, and the depart-

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Bicentennial Ball

Tickets are now available for the 2012 Bicentennial Ball to be held on **March 10, 2012** at the Seaport Inn. Tickets are \$40 and are available at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, 508-997-2668; or contact Don Arsenault at 508-971-8719.

Cocktails (cash bar) from 6-7 p.m., Dinner at 7, dancing to follow dinner. Semi formal dress or period dress requested.

*Tickets are going fast. This should be a sell-out event. Get your tickets now.*

## Bicentennial Events

Feb. 22: Open House at Town Hall  
See page 3 for details on this and other bicentennial events

## Time Capsule items on display

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, has the Time Capsule items from 1962 on display now until February 24th. You may view the items during regular library hours in the Rogers Room on the main floor. Wheelchair access from the Walnut Street entrance.

## Card Raffle & Dinner

St Joseph School is hosting a card raffle on **Sat. Feb. 18**, at the School, 100 Spring St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and includes meat pie, potatoes, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the school Mon.-Fri. from 8:00am-3:00pm or at Dorothy Cox Chocolates on Alden Road (across the street from WalMart).

Following dinner there will be a card raffle featuring gift cards from local grocery, meat and seafood markets. Come try your luck...maybe you'll be a winner! Call the school at 508-996-1983 for more information.

## Spaghetti Supper & Book Fair

Sponsored by the Rogers School PTO, the 8th Annual Spaghetti Supper, Scholastic Book Fair, and Silent Auction. The event is open to the public and benefits the Rogers School PTO and Rogers School Library.

**Friday, March 2, from 5-8pm** at Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., Fairhaven.

Tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$5 a person; children 5 and younger are free.

Ticket includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Accessible, call 508-979-4075 for entrance.

## Hospice Volunteers

SolAmor Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to support their Novel Approach program of complementary therapies used with hospice patients. Reiki, Music, Pet, and massage, scrapbooking are some of the volunteer opportunities available.

Volunteers are also needed to be weekly companions to patients as well to sit vigil during closing hours of life. All volunteers are screened and are a valued part of the interdisciplinary team. Volunteers are especially needed in the Southcoast Area. If you are interested please call Karen Spangler at 508-743-0203 or Karen.Spangler@solamorphospice.com

## Bereavement Grp

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA, offers free bereavement programs for grieving adults during the month of February:

General Bereavement Groups are designed for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

Tuesday, February 21, from 4 to 5:15 p.m., Southcoast VNA, ground floor, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven. Use Mill Road entrance.

## Ayyám-í-Ha Party

Ayyám-í-Ha Party & Yo-yos, Music & Dance with Ooch. Come join us for a joyous celebration of Ayyám-í-Ha, a Baha'i time of hospitality and simple gift-giving at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, on **Sat., Feb. 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Accessible.

**10:30:** Story & introductions;  
**11:00:** Entertainment with Ooch.;  
**Noon:** Crafts & refreshments.

Free and open to the community.

## Congratulations

Two Fairhaven students achieved honors at Bishop Connolly High

School for the second quarter of 2011-2012.

Matthew Ferreira, class of 2013, and Ryan Paiva, class of 2015, both earned third honors.

A student achieves third honors when all grades earned are 80 and above.

## Whitfield-Manjiro

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will sponsor the following events:

**Basic Conversational Japanese Classes.** Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Friendship House, 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. Tuition for the 8 week course is \$80 plus \$7 for the book.

Note: payment plan available.

**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

## Historical Tea

Join the Colonial Club's 100th Anniversary celebration. The Town of Fairhaven was incorporated on February 22, 1812 — that's on the town seal — and the Fairhaven Colonial Club was founded on that day 100 years later, in 1912.

This year, we will celebrate the Town of Fairhaven's BiCentennial and the Fairhaven Colonial Club's 100th Anniversary at an Open House and Historical Tea on Sunday, February 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the Colonial Club, 6 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. Refreshments by the ladies of the Colonial Club. Door prizes. Free and open to the public. Not Accessible.

For further information, please contact Doreen Nelsen, 508 994-1098.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Mark Twain Talks

See and hear acclaimed actor and storyteller Bern Winslow Budd.

Long before he had white hair and wore his famous white suit, Mark Twain was touring the country — and the world — entertaining packed houses with his wit, wisdom, and musery. This show is based on those live performances and have entertained audiences aged 10 to 100. Twain's humorous, wise and slightly irreverent counsel is as needed today as it was then...perhaps more.

In character and costume as Samuel Clemens, American author and creator of Town Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, Mr. Budd offers stories, advice, anecdotes and, as he says, "as much truth as we feel is safe to include."

At Your Theatre, Inc. at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St., New Bedford. Accessible. **Fri. & Sat., Feb. 17 & 18 at 8 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 19, at 2:30 p.m.** For tickets call 508-993-0772 or email ytinc@verizon.net Tickets: \$10 for subscribers; \$12 for non-subscribers, with discounts for seniors, students and military personnel.

## Whaling Museum

The following events will be held at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, downtown New Bedford. Accessible. For a complete calendar of events, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

### \$5 entrance

The NBWM is pleased to offer **\$5 student admission** to all high school and college sailing team members to hear historian John Rousmaniere's presentation of "The Golden Pastime," an illustrated history of American yachting on **Thursday, February 16** at 7:30 p.m. Show valid student I.D. at the door, state the name of your team and receive the \$5 student admission rate, a 75% discount off the regular ticket price.

Meet John at a 6:30 p.m. reception in the Jacobs Family Gallery, before the lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater.

### February Vacation Week

Abraham Lincoln came to New Bedford in 1848 and will make a return trip, accompanied by George Washington, to visit with children and enjoy birthday cake at the New

Bedford Whaling Museum's Presidents' Day Birthday Celebration on **Mon., Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Explore how the Founding Fathers influenced New Bedford history, participate in a scavenger hunt, create sailors' valentines, learn how to make origami whales, and more.

Presidents' Day events are free. Regular admission rates apply to the museum galleries.

Presidents' Day kicks off a week of events for school vacation week that includes special tours and hands-on activities each day, culminating with Chocolate Day on Saturday, Feb. 25.

## Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-u-mentaries film series continues **Friday, February 17th at 7 PM** with two silent films, at the at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford The "Sailor's Sacrifice" is a short (13 minute) romance drama by the Vitagraph Company shot in 1909 southern Maine. A sailor leaves his family to go to sea and is thought lost when his boat sinks. The family loses its home and the young woman has to dig clams with her dog.

Our evening feature is the ever popular "Down to the Sea in Ships." This whaling drama is most famous as the screen debut of Clara Bow. Shot on location in New Bedford and New England in 1922. Call the visitor center, 508-996-4095, or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

## Mini Grants

By the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program. All-volunteer based groups with budgets that do not exceed \$25,000 are eligible for grants up to \$2,500 for ongoing, year-long projects or up to \$500 for one time special events. Application deadline for all groups is Friday, April 13th.

All applicants, including past Mini-Grantees, are required to attend one of 4 free orientation sessions, which cover the basics of the Mini-Grants Program and provide groups with step-by-step tips on getting through the application process:

- **New Bedford:** Thursday, Feb 23rd @ 6 pm OR Tuesday, Feb 28th @ 10am at the Salvation Army 619 Purchase Street (please use parking lot entrance)

- **Wareham:** Thursday, March 1st @ 6pm at the Wareham Free Library (59 Marion Rd / Rte. 6)

- **Acushnet:** Wednesday, March 7th @ 6pm at the Acushnet Community Center (232 Middle Rd.)

Pre-registration is required for all orientation sessions. To register or to find out whether your group is eligible, contact Claudia Kirk at 508-994-9625, ext. 13 or at [ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org](mailto:ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org). Visit [www.unitedwayofgnb.org](http://www.unitedwayofgnb.org) for more details.

## BBC New Website

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has released a newly redesigned website at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org) to better serve the communities of the Buzzards Bay region in protecting, restoring, and discovering Buzzards Bay. The website serves as a tremendous resource for people who want to discover Buzzards Bay and its watershed. Visitors can dig into the issues facing the Bay, see how the Coalition works to protect it, and get connected to help protect the region's most valuable resource.

In addition to detailed information on critical Bay issues like nitrogen pollution, oil spills, and poorly planned development, the website is a great place to find fun activities for everyone, like the Buzzards Bay Swim and Watershed Ride, Bay Adventures for Adults and Families, and educational programs for schools and groups. The site also highlights volunteer opportunities. Users can join the Bay Coalition or donate online using secure donation forms.

## Youth Basketball Tournament

Boys & Girls Club of GNB Annual Basketball Challenge Tournament for Boys Division – 4th and 5th Grades, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, and 8th Grade. Girls Division – 7th and 8th Graders. The \$125 per-team registration fee includes team jerseys and trophies for champions.

### Save the Dates

The Junior Tournament will run March 9, 10, 11th and 16, 17, 18th. The 20th annual Basketball Challenge is March 23rd.

Call Robert Mendes, 508-992-8011. For more info visit Club's website at [www.bgcnewbedford.org](http://www.bgcnewbedford.org)

## Go Fish

*Kukoo Spawns FISH theme for 2012*

Last year, we went to the birds. This year, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham is GOING FISHING! GO FISH is an outgrowth of last year's popular and successful year-long Kukoo educational project.

The Boys & Girls Club seeks creative donations from the community for auction at the event such as hand made or custom painted, sculpted or carved items relating to fish or the underwater world. In addition, the Club seeks corporate sponsors to help underwrite the project and help with fundraising. Proceeds from the gala support programs and services provided by the Wareham Club to young people ages 7 to 13.

Visit [www.bgcnewbedford.org](http://www.bgcnewbedford.org). Or, call the Wareham Club, 508-295-5400.

## Elaine Lima Tribute

Elaine Lima is retiring. After 35 years of serving as the official cheerleader for downtown New Bedford. She is putting away her megaphone to spend more time with her grandchildren.

To celebrate Elaine as a business owner who stayed downtown through thick and thin and to honor her role as a positive voice for the city, Downtown New Bedford, Inc. is throwing a spectacular send-off and inviting the public.

Join Elaine and her many friends on **Thursday, March 1st at the Century House, 107 So. Main Street, Acushnet**, for cocktails at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. **Tickets are \$50 pp** at the following sites: Downtown New Bedford, Inc., 105 William Street, New Bedford, call 508 990 2777 or email [darsenault@downtownnb.org](mailto:darsenault@downtownnb.org); Celia's Boutique, 111 William Street, New Bedford; Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, 63 Alden Road, Fairhaven; and WB Mason, 650 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

## Climate Change Talk

On Saturday, February 18, at 11:00 am, in the Meeting Room of the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, the public is invited

to join Mary Jane Sorrentino for a presentation on "The Climate Crisis" followed by an opportunity for questions. Accessible.

Discover the truth about the climate crisis and the meaningful steps we can take to bring about change. Ms. Sorrentino, trained by the Gore Climate Change Project, will be speaking about the causes of this global disaster, how it is affecting New England and particularly our coastal areas, and what responses our communities can make.

Mary Jane Sorrentino is self-employed as a Sustainability Consultant, helping non-profits, small businesses, schools and other organizations/individuals reduce their impact on the environment.

## Winter Hike

Take a Bay Adventure. It's your Bay, so enjoy it. The Buzzards Bay Coalition offers exciting outings for adults and families as part of our commitment to connect communities with their Bay and watershed.

### A Winter Adventure at Tripps Mill Brook, Mattapoisett

Join Bay Coalition conservation staff for a snowshoe/hike and guided nature walk to explore one of the Bay Coalition's newest conserved properties along Tripps Mill Brook. This unique property in Mattapoisett is the location of recently retired cranberry bogs and a planned wetland restoration project. It offers beautiful vistas of the bogs, freshwater marshes, and wooded swamps that are all the more peaceful in winter. Please bring your own snowshoes or hiking boots.

Date: Wed., Feb. 22, 9am-11am  
Meet: Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett (0.6 mi south of Hereford Hill Road)

Cost: FREE for Bay Coalition Members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations requested. Contact Rob Hancock at 508.999.6363 or [hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org) Visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org) for info or to join.

## Children's Auditions

Ocean State Theatre Company announces Open Children's Auditions for its summer production of *The Sound of Music* at Theatre By The Sea. Producing Artistic Director Amiee Turner is looking for children

between the ages of 6-18 years old to play the Von Trapp family children.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, February 29, from 5:00 – 10:00 pm at: University of Rhode Island (URI), Fine Arts Building, Studio G, Rt. 138 and Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881

Those auditioning should bring a headshot or a recent photo and a resume (if available). Children should come with a short prepared song preferably with sheet music. A cappella is also acceptable. No tape recorders or CD players. Those asked to stay will learn a short dance combination. Please bring or wear appropriate shoes for dancing. Sign-up will begin at 5:00 pm.

For more information and character breakdowns visit [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com).

## Weight Loss Info

Southcoast Center for Weight Loss will offer free informational sessions on the risks and benefits of weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery on:

- **Tues., Feb. 21**, at 7 p.m. Southcoast Center for Women's Health, 300 Faunce Corner Rd., No. Dartmouth
- **Tues., Feb. 28**, at 6:30 p.m. Tobey Hospital, Medical Library on the first floor, 43 High Street, Wareham

Millions of Americans fall into the category of clinically severe obesity: more than 100 pounds overweight with a body mass index greater than 40. Body mass index is a calculation of weight in relation to height.

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The Southcoast Center for Weight Loss's community-based program is designed to incorporate a thorough approach to weight loss surgery utilizing a team comprised of dietitians, psychologists, nurses and surgeons to provide a safe and comprehensive surgical weight loss program.

For more information or to register for a free seminar call 508-273-4900. For more information on the Southcoast Center for Weight Loss visit [www.southcoast.org/weightloss](http://www.southcoast.org/weightloss)

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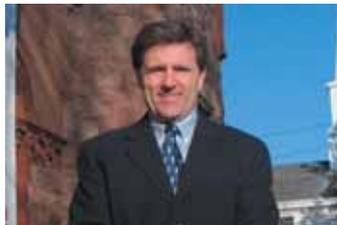
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1/4 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla

Measure cocoa, sugar, cream, syrup, butter and salt into a heavy saucepan, about 1 1/2-quart size. Stir until blended. Bring to a boil over moderate high heat. Boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and add the vanilla. Yield: 1 1/2 cups.

Excellent hot or cold. Serve over ice cream, cakes, brownies or puddings.

To reheat conventionally, stir over low heat for 5-8 minutes, until sauce is hot. If using microwave oven, put sauce into glass pitcher or jar, reheat for 2-3 minutes on high, stirring once about halfway through.

To serve: Spoon over ice cream on a slice of pound cake. Top with chopped nuts.

Gift tip: Pour sauce into a pretty jar, label and tie a ribbon around the top with instructions for serving.

## A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

### Fairhaven girls basketball

*Lady Blues Defeat NB Voke*

The Fairhaven High girls rolled over oke 61-40. Kara Charette had 24 points. Kelsey Perrone-Sovk had 19 points with five three-pointers. Rebecca Larson was amazing, scoring 9 points filling in for injured Ashley Brown.

Last Friday in Lakeville the girls defeated Apponequet 55-29. Kara had 21 and Kelsey `19 points for Lady Blues.

### FHS Boys Basketball

The Blumen gave NB Voke a heck of a game, but fell to a 50-51 loss. Billy Lessa was Mr. Everything for FHS with 25 points. Dan McLaughlin made a 3/4 court three-pointer at Buzzer in first quarter.

Six-foot-six Jordan Goetz was a little too much for Blues who lost to Apponequet 61-49. Lessa had 17 and St Jardin 16 for FHS.

### Old Colony Girls Basketball

The Lady Cougars defeated Norfolk 69-37. All 11 players scored for Old Colony led by Alex Gordon, Madison Lopes and Nicole Mareiro.

### ORR-FHS Hockey

The Bluedogs rolled over D-R 5-1. Jeremy Lawton and Zack Mathews each scored two goals. Mike Lygren and Mason Evich had assists. ORR now 8-1 in SouthCoast Conference.

### Stang Hockey

The Spartans rolled over Plymouth North 6-3. Luc Sauve had four goals. Kody Skolis one, and Tim Magalhaes had 23 saves in goal.



Madison Lopes (LEFT) of Old Colony Regional takes a jump shot against Norfolk on Wed., 2/8. Old Colony, which has 5 Acushnet residents on the team, came out on top, 69-37. Photo courtesy of Ted Lopes. See it in color at [www.NeghbNews.com](http://www.NeghbNews.com)

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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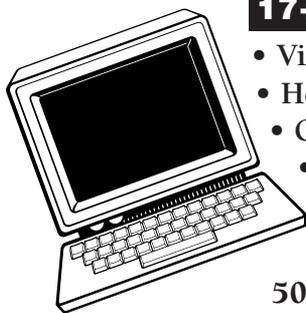
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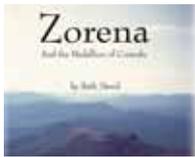
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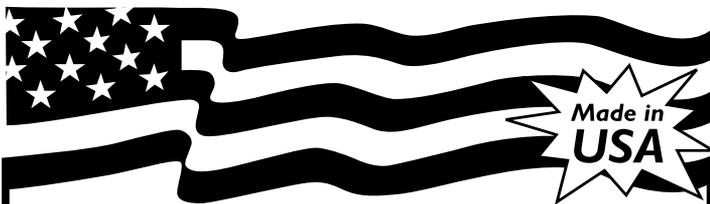
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# Acushnet discusses merit increased

By Diane Kozak

## Neighb News Correspondent

Town Finance Director Cathy Doane asked the Acushnet Selectboard at their February 8th meeting to consider basing salaried employee raises on job performance rather than the "across the board" percentage increases that are negotiated with the town's employee unions. She suggested that each salaried employee be given a job evaluation which would serve as a basis for their increase in compensation.

"As town administrator I couldn't agree with you more," Alan Coutinho said. "I only have one question. When we set out our goals and reach our goals and then we go to town meeting and the other elected boards do something completely different will we have some mechanism to for us to address that... whose employees are being held to a different standard than in other departments...larger departments than us?"

"I think this is a discussion that is long overdue," Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar responded.

The board debated various matters pertaining to the issue including the need to control the cost of the town's payroll costs, existing employee related practices that need to be corrected such as town departments that currently "operate in silos" and the fact that 80% of the town payroll costs are related to the school department.

Mr. Gaspar emphasized his fiscal concerns by stating that the town's existing \$10 million payroll would grow by \$768,000 in three years if a 2.5% increase was granted over a three-year contract period.

Although he agreed that

employees are the key to municipal government, he stated he had reservations as to how the town could continue to absorb increasing payroll costs in the future.

"Municipal government is employee driven. That's the bulk of our core costs. We're not a manufacturing organization," Ms. Doane stated in response to Mr. Gaspar's concerns.

Sarah Quintal and Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition updated the board on the work being done at the Acushnet Sawmill property. They reported that a small building on the property will be relocated closer to Mill Road and

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Municipal government is employee driven...We're not a manufacturing organization  
[Cathy Doane]

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refurbished into a visitor and exhibit center. Ms. Quintal stated that students at Old Colony RVTHS will assist with the work on the new center.

Mr. Allen reported that the Coalition is still waiting for funding from the Harbor Trustee Council, including the council's share of the funds needed to purchase the additional property to expand the preservation area commonly referred to as the LaPalme property. He stated that all the paperwork was in order; however, the actual receipt of funds has been slow.

Selectboard member David Wojnar made a motion that the board send a

letter to the council asking them to release the funds. The board approved the motion.

In another matter, Building Inspector James Marot reported on his inspection of the work at the community center on Middle Road which was proposed by CPC Chairperson Kevin Dakin, at the last meeting.

Mr. Marot stated he believed that some of the work would be redundant as it would become part of the new library project if the library is moved to the location. He did recommend that the pipes in the basement be insulated and the repairs to the entrance portico be done by the town's staff. A \$2,000.00 reserve transfer was made for this purpose.

Kevin Dakin told the board that Nancy Francis at the Community Center will likely withdraw her request with his committee now that the work has been approved.

Town Planner Henry Young requested permission to solicit bids for an historic preservationist and an architect for the design and reconstruction of the carriage house that is to be built at the Long Plain Friends Meeting House. A total of \$25,000 in CPC funds was approved for the project at the last town meeting. The board approved the bidding process for those professionals which is not to exceed \$8,000.00.

In other matters the board:

- Made a reserve fund transfer of \$1,161 to cover costs associated with testing 86 breathing equipment apparatuses at the fire department. The work is needed to meet compliance standards.
- Voted to participate in a pre-feasibility study with a company

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- named Solar 3D. The study is intended to test the feasibility of new technology in solar panels.
- Voted to submit all paperwork and the petition to the New Bedford postmaster regarding the possible closing of the Acushnet branch.
- Voted to allow Mr. Marot, as enforcement officer of the junk bylaws, to issue fines to property owners who do not clean up their properties within the scheduled time period.
- Voted to sign the 7/1/09 to 9/30/12 fire fighter contract, retroactively.
- Voted to coordinate a meeting to educate town departments and boards about the recent changes set forth by the Mass. Attorney General in regard to meeting agenda requirements. •••

## Acushnet town employees to participate in fitness programs

*Press Release*

Acushnet is starting off the New Year continuing its commitment to the health of employees. Groups of Acushnet town and school employees will participate in no-cost eight-week fitness programs that are designed to encourage them to develop healthier and long lasting lifestyle behaviors, which may in turn help the community control its healthcare costs.

Acushnet recognizes that encouraging employees and their family members to adopt and maintain healthy behaviors through engaging wellness and fitness programs conveniently offered at the work site may help them create new habits. Over the long-term, such changes can improve employees' health and quality of life, and may lead to bottom line savings on the town's and school's health insurance costs. The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the town's and school's health insurance provider, offers the fitness programs at no cost as a membership benefit.

According to MIIA Health Benefits Trust, individuals who do not exercise spend 10 percent more on health care and use twice the amount of sick time than those who do exercise regularly. In addition, regular exercise can help prevent the risk of disease, such as diabetes. It is estimated that 53 million Americans are currently at the pre-diabetic stage. In addition to exercise, a well-balanced diet, an overall healthy lifestyle and regular doctor visits can greatly reduce the risk of diabetes as well as heart diseases and other chronic illnesses. •••

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### Beacon Adult Foster Care

Guest Speaker Carol Corio of Care Alternatives, Thurs. Mar 8, 6:30 p.m.

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# Rogers School Science Fair shows off science research

By Beth David  
Editor

Frogs and magnets, solar systems and energy projects, plus a whole lot of other stuff, all convened on Pleasant Street in Fairhaven for the Rogers Elementary School annual science fair on Wed., 2/15.

Second-grader Heather Perry did a little research on the Red-Eyed Tree Frog.

"The best thing I learned is that the females are larger than the males," said Heather.

Josh Perry, in fourth grade, did his project on tornadoes, complete with a little model of houses with the roofs torn off. He said he learned that the "least amount happen in January and December."

Fourth-grader Jacob Baiardi did his project on searching for coal. He said not all coal is way underground. Some is on the ground and some is on mountaintops.

Sophia Baiardi, in second grade, gave out her directions for making brownies, although she admitted that she did not make them without some help from her mother. She said "I

thought it would be fun," to do a project on brownies.

Craig Mendell, fourth grader, decided to learn about the seasons, noting that the southern hemisphere gets totally opposite seasons from the northern.

"When it's winter here, it's summer there," he explained.

Fourth-grader Myles Lopes knows how to make electricity, and pointed out that "you can use wind, water, sun and animal manure" to make it.

And speaking of power, Shawn McLaughlin, fourth grade, named his project "Lemon Power."

"Lemon juice is just like battery juice," he said, adding that he used it to power a light bulb, but it only worked about half the time.

Emma Whynacht, second grade, called her project "Prism Vision," and



L-R: First graders Mason Dumont and Brayden Souza pose with their science projects at the Rogers School in Fairhaven on Wed., 2/15. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

used a flashlight to show how shadows work.

First grader Mason Dumont's solar system duly noted that "Pluto got demoted," he said. It is now a "dwarf planet." He also learned that Mars has a large volcano on it.

Brayden Souza, also in the first grade, learned all about magnets, including their repel side.

"The bigger the magnet, the stronger the attachment," he taught.

## Valentine's Dance supports Vietnam Moving Wall

By Beth David  
Editor

George and Cheryl Brownell are on a mission: to raise funds to get the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to Fairhaven during this Bicentennial year. The wall is a replica of the stirring Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC, near the Lincoln Memorial.

The wall's simple design is a list of names of US service members who died serving in Vietnam. The Moving wall is a half-size replica that travels around the country. Costs for sponsoring the wall are around \$10,000, and include lodging for the people traveling with it. A foundation will also need to be built according to certain specifications.

According to Mr. Brownell and Gerry Payette, who spearheaded the efforts to get the Wall here, the monument will also have 24-hour security, staffed by volunteers.

Mr. Payette contacted the organization that owns the replica back in 2008.

"Every year since then, I've called to make sure we have our dates," said

Mr. Payette.

The wall is slated to be at Cushman Park from July 5-8.

This past Saturday, 2/11, the VFW in Fairhaven hosted a Valentine's themed dance to raise money for the wall. Tickets were an affordable \$15.00 and "every cent" will go to the Moving Wall expenses, according to Mr. Brownell. He and his wife, the VFW, volunteers, and Bonnie from the VFW kitchen donated all the food and decorations, and money for other expenses.

Mr. Brownell said the totals were not in yet, but 300 tickets were sold and money was also raised with raffles and t-shirt sales. He estimated they would be about halfway to their \$10,000 goal after the dance totals were in.

Mr. Brownell told the crowd that he also received an American flag from a 95-year-old man who was three-years-old when his father died in WWII. He told Mr. Brownell "you'll know what to do with it." He decided to donate it to the VFW.

"It has 48 stars on it," said Mr. Brownell.

The flag will be displayed at the Fairhaven VFW with a story card.

Organizers are still in need of volunteers and donations. For more information, call Gerry Payette, 508-237-4282.



George Brownell (left) and Dave Butcher hold up a WWII-era flag donated to the Fairhaven VFW on Sat., 2/11. Note the flag has 48 stars. Photo by Beth David.

# Gary Souza from West Africa



By Gary Souza  
**Special to the Neighbor News**  
**Tidbits: harmattan winds, fish heads, orphans & a young girl gone**

**LIBERIA:** The harmattan winds have grounded all flights including UN choppers for the fourth day in a row. It's not the wind itself but what it contains.

Harmattan winds blow fine sand south from the Sahara over West Africa during the dry season. It's as if a fog has enveloped Liberia depositing fine sand over everything. The sand not only limits visibility but can enter aircraft engines through air intake ducts, severely damaging them.

Rice and the front half of a fish including the head at the UN mess Tuesday. I try to be respectful of other cultures but I was taken aback by those who were putting them on their plates.

To no one's surprise they served rice and the back half of a fish, including the tail, on Thursday. I guess they call that variety. Some days we sit back and dream of elaborate tortures we could inflict on the UN cooks but, after the last couple of days, there may be a consensus from the US delegation to actually go forward with those plans.

Today we were out in the bush. The US government provides us with Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) for when we are out there. They replaced the World War II to Vietnam era C and K rations for the military. Veterans are very familiar with what I'm about to write, but we only have to eat them a few times a week. They had to eat them for weeks at a time in the field, so you folks have my deepest sympathy.

They come sealed in heavy plastic. I had a choice of chili with beans or macaroni with beef and sauce. I took the chili.

After opening the pack, I found my MRE had been packaged in 1993. It contained snack crackers which were not so fresh but tasted like graham

crackers, and rye crackers that I crumpled up and put in the chili. The chili had to be squeezed out of a sealed, aluminum foil envelope. It was rather tasty for being 19 years old. We had to eat our MREs cold, of course.

There was also a "New Millennium" orange, energy bar. Well, it certainly didn't translate well to this millennium so after one bite I threw it next to a three-foot high termite mound. Maybe they can stomach it.

The packet of caffeine free, instant coffee was of no use but it did start me to wondering why caffeine free. Are they afraid that soldiers and Marines in the field will lose sleep if they drink regular coffee?

## What happened to her?

FEB. 13, 2012: The harmattan winds have abated so for the first time in five days UN choppers can fly and we can see the sun. We even hear a freighter containing Diet Coke will be here soon. We still have pallets of Vodka thanks to our Russian and Ukrainian counterparts, so we are not going thirsty.

Things are fine here, except the days the UN mess hall serves rice and fish heads. All in all, it's not so bad except missing home. Things have been peaceful since the election riots. There are some mercenary issues near the Ivory Coast border but that's a good distance away.

Thought I'd let you in on a conversation I was privy to over the body of a dead 15-year-old girl on the beach in Monrovia.

UN cop: What you got?

Liberian Police: She drowned.

UN: Yeah probably, but she's got no clothes on.

LP: Wash off in water.

UN: Yeah but what about all those marks on her legs?

LP: Rocks in water.

UN: What are you going to do?

LP: Bury her.

UN: What about an autopsy?

LP: No "topsy," bury her.

UN: What's her name?



A Red Cross building in Monrovia, Liberia, is painted to remind everyone to "Abide by the Geneva Convention" and to "Respect Human Dignity." Mr. Souza writes that he shakes his head at the rhetoric in Fairhaven lately. *Photo courtesy of Gary Souza.*

LP: Not know who she is.

UN: You're going to bury her without knowing her name?

LP: Yah, bury.

Case Closed, Liberian Police style.

## Another important subject

The news is not good news from Mother Wleh's orphanage. The owner of the building they were staying in forced them out. Mother and the children are now staying in a small building on land she owns further out in the bush. Like the other building it has no doors or windows, but it's smaller. Their biggest problem is lack of a well or latrine. The land is low lying so they will often be cut off from road travel during the rainy season.

I've been trying to get some non-governmental agencies (NGOs) like UNICEF to drill a well for them. I know they have the equipment in country, but I can't even get them to respond to my entreaties.

We Americans will probably just raise the money ourselves when we get paid this month.

What is truly sad is the children's predicament is not unusual at all here. There are hundreds of small orphanages all over this country, a product of the rapes and killings that predominated in the 14-year civil war that ended just eight years ago, exacerbated by the high death toll here from disease.

We pay Liberian cleaning women to clean our quarters and do laundry. They will give you an earful if you ask them how it was during the war. They will tell you about living in the jungle and sleeping in trees to avoid soldiers.

If you fled from them they would shoot you, because, if you ran, it

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# FinCom reviews police budget and articles for annual TM

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Police Chief Michael J. Myers presented a \$3,062,148 level service budget for FY13 to the Finance Committee at their February 9 meeting. As Chairperson John Roderiques explained, a level service budget will increase with increasing costs, but will keep the same level of services. A level funded budget does not increase costs, but may decrease the amount of services provided to the Town.

About \$90,000 could be dropped from the budget if the State does not fund its share of the Quinn bill, a stipend paid to officers who took part in educational programs to earn more pay. If the State were to fund its share, the Town would have to pay out the amount and seek reimbursement from the State. The State has not contributed its share of the Quinn bill in several years, said Mr. Roderiques.

Increases included \$1,500 for repair and maintenance of vehicles, \$1,000 for computer upgrades, and \$15,000 for medical insurance contributions, said Chief Myers. The latter was a union contractual obligation that was part of the total public safety obligations.

Replacement of two vehicles will cost an additional \$10,000 over previous years because the make and model will be different, according to Chief Myers. In previous years, the department could use components of older vehicles on the new replacement. However, since Crown Victorias are no longer being built for police use, the department will purchase Ford Interceptors. About \$5,000 in new equipment will need to be purchased such as the wire cage for the back seat and grills for the lights.

FinCom member Ronald Quinton asked whether the Quinn bill stipend applied to the \$221,313 in overtime, and if so, if it could be reduced as well. Chief Myers explained that the amount in overtime is based on prior years overtime payout, and not an hourly rate. Since the State did not fund its share of the Quinn bill in past years, the amount does not reflect a State share.

The chief told the board that he did not have a plan to reduce his

budget an additional 2%.

"Ninety percent of my budget is people," said Chief Myers. "But if we lose one dispatcher position, that position doesn't have a person in it."

As of July 1, the State will mandate that dispatchers become trained to dispense medical information over the phone. Unfortunately, the dispatcher position that is vacant is a shift that does not have anyone at the station — the sergeant is on the road, said Chief Myers.

Member Padraic Elliott asked if there were negative consequences of not filling the three officer vacancies and not paying the overtime now incurred to cover the vacancies. Chief Myers said that they have just three officers per shift now and that would drop to two. Most calls require three

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Maybe we need to tell these negotiators that at some point, you're hurting people. You're not going to be able to pay their insurance and pensions, and they're going to get laid off. [Kim Hyland]

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officers, he said.

The first of the February 15 Special Town Meeting articles regarding clerical labor contract settlement for FY2012 raised concerns about voting to recommend increases when the Town was facing a deficit.

"I don't know why we're giving out raises when we have \$1.6 million in [deficit]," said board member Theresa Szala.

Mr. Roderiques reminded her that the discussion last spring at budget review included 1% raises for all unions. The funding, he said, was coming out of FY2012 budgets, not FY2013 where there was a shortfall. He also said the \$1.6 million would likely come down to \$600,000. Also, the issue was one of good faith bargaining.

"It's a contract agreed on by labor and management. The Selectmen

negotiated it and ratified it. You'd like to say 'no' but this is a contract that people have negotiated," member Kim Hyland said. "Maybe we need to tell these negotiators that at some point, you're hurting people. You're not going to be able to pay their insurance and pensions, and they're going to get laid off."

The FinCom voted to recommend approval of the \$6,700 clerical union contract by a 7-1 vote, member Kathleen Carter in opposition and members Scott Fernandes, Jennifer Bishop, and Lisa Plante absent.

Ms. Carter said that she voted in opposition for the reasons raised by Ms. Szala.

A contract settlement of \$7,400 for Highway and \$471 for Park unions as a 1% raise in FY2012 also passed 8-0, three members absent. Mr. Fernandes arrived in time for the discussion on Article 4, wind turbine suspension.

Mr. Roderiques called for a five-minute recess while the Committee reviewed the letter of opinion by Town Counsel Thomas Crotty.

On reconvening, member Padraic Elliott asked whether Counsel's letter meant that Article 4 did not have a financial impact, and whether the language that the article was "ineffective" meant that it was unlawful as the other two articles reviewed by Counsel. Mr. Roderiques responded that if the moderator followed precedent, then the article should not be voted on. Since the matter had not been ruled on by the Town Moderator, then the FinCom should be prepared to make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

After a discussion in which most members said they would vote to recommend an indefinite postponement and about half said they personally would have voted differently if they had it to do over, Mr. Roderiques called for a motion and vote.

The FinCom voted 8-1, three members absent with Ms. Szala voting in opposition, that based on the opinion of Town Counsel that Town Meeting has no authority to rescind their prior vote, the FinCom recommends indefinite postponement.

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ment did not have any objections to it.

There was some discussion on water management and state attempts to regulate how much water could be withdrawn for town use.

"Right now we're working under a 20-year permit that ran out two years ago, and we're working under extensions," said Mr. Osuch. "The state is trying to become the decision maker as to where water goes, essentially taking control of water in the state."

He was critical of what he called the state's "one size fits all" approach to handling water allocations for communities.

"You're going to see a lot of fights break out when the state tries to impose rules and regulations because some towns have expended a lot of money into their water supplies and some haven't," said Mr. Osuch.

The board also heard a petition from Kathy Fitzgerald and her grandson, Jordan, who spoke out in support of an annual town meeting article to resurface Wayne Street. Residents had petitioned to have their road surfaced with chip seal last year, but the petition had failed due

to budget limitations.

Jordan read a letter written on behalf of the children on the street, explaining that road conditions made it difficult for them to skate, ride bikes or use scooters. He asked that the town vote to approve the article this year.

The selectboard thanked Jordan for going in personally and for showing an interest in the civic processes of the town. Although the article still needs to go before the finance committee and then town meeting in May, the selectboard promised him that the article had the support of both their board and the BPW.

"In the larger scheme of things, your request is very modest," selectboard member Charles Murphy told Jordan. "Chipseal is the cheapest, at a third the cost of a tar street, and this project is very doable. The BPW wanted to do it last year but ran out of money, but we're pretty sure that we can do it this year."

The board reconvened in executive session to discuss Howland Road litigation and digester issues, town counsel's email regarding UMass Dartmouth and the estuary program.

meant you supported their enemies. If you stayed, they would take your boy children for the "small child units" and rape the females. If you protested, you were killed.

They will tell you how soldiers would take bets on the gender of a child a pregnant woman was carrying then slit open her stomach to settle the bet.

The youngest soldiers were the worst. They were told to kill or they would be killed by their own and fed drugs to keep them awake and hyped up. They were 13, 14 and 15 year-old boys whose parents had been killed and were the most fanatic and cruel of all.

Beth graciously sends me an email copy of the Neighborhood News each week. Sometimes I shake my head after reading some of the rhetoric that is being used in debating current issues in Town. Remember, none, and I repeat none, of these things are life or death issues. Be respectful and remember we are all neighbors. You can come here or many other places like it in the world, if you want to put things in perspective. Just my two cents from Africa.



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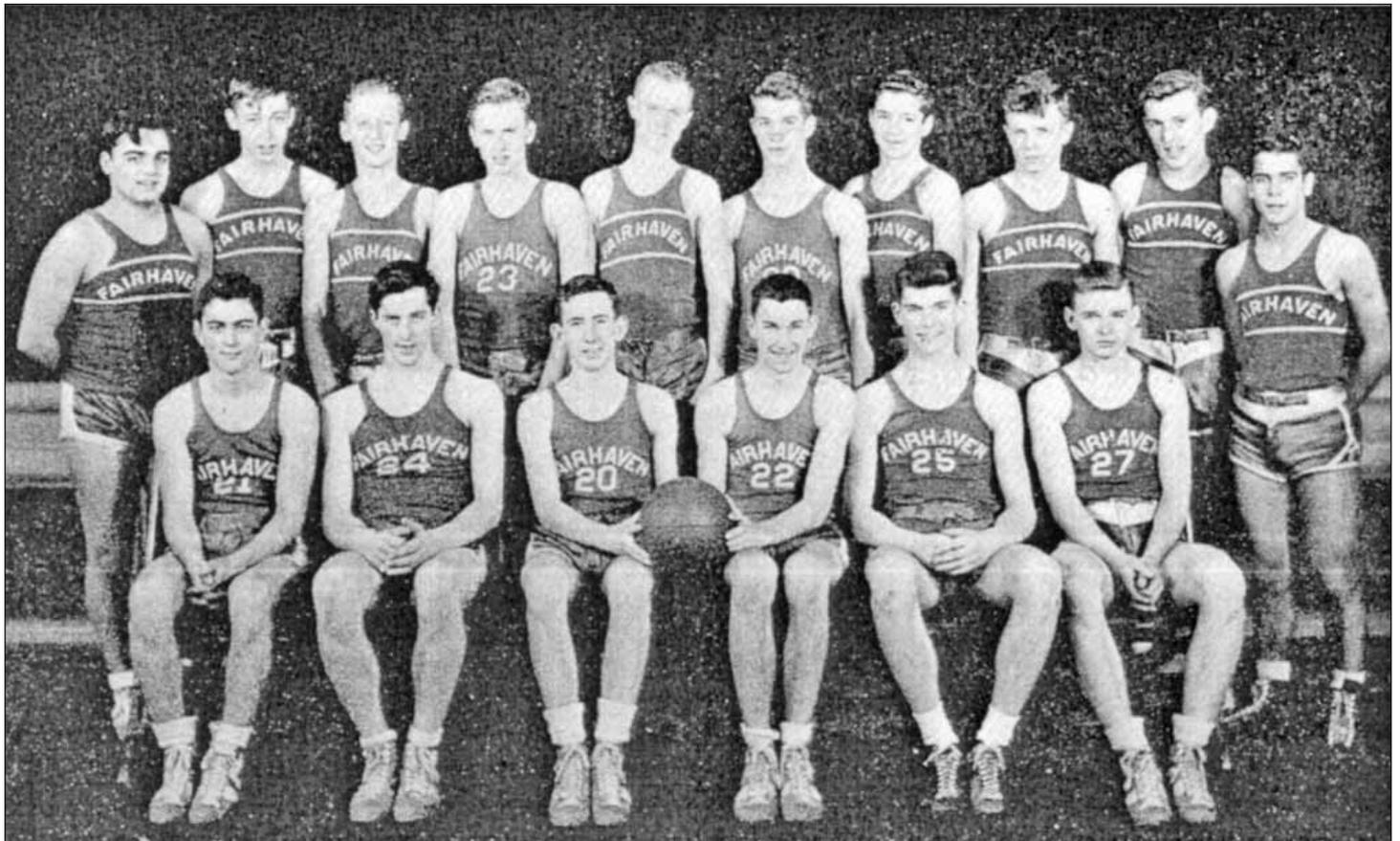
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## Great sports from Fairhaven's past: 1948

*By Bob Hobbs*  
**Special to the Neighb  
News**

Going back to 1948, Fairhaven High School had super athletes like Joe Kobac, 4-year baseball starter and hoopster, along with Bob Mathieson, outstanding pitcher, who spent time in minors with Washington.

The girls had Hall of Famer Shirley Boucher on basketball team, which was undefeated.



TOP: The 1948 Fairhaven High School girls basketball team was undefeated. ON FLOOR, L-R: Trudy Litz, Elizabeth Kobza. SEATED: Elizabeth Bilsborrow, Lois Karvonen, Stella Pifko, Eunice Randall, Shirley Boucher, unknown. STANDING: Phyllis Bryant, Ruth Porteo, unknown, Patricia Litz, Piscilla Martin, Patricia Moffett, unknown.  
ABOVE: The 1948 FHS boys basketball team. FRONT: John Mello, Robert Mathieson, Joseph Kobak, Allen Braley, Al Shurtleff, unknown, Charley Putkoski. BACK: D. Samairo, N. Drew, D. Norman, unknown, unknown, A. Slater, unknown, B. Leach, unknown, A. Cardoza. *Yearbook photos courtesy of the Millicent Library Archivist.*

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The FinCom voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend in favor of several articles submitted for the spring Town Meeting as follows:

- Article 1, Measurer of Wood & Bark;
- Article 2, Town Report
- Article 3, in part, for the Town Moderator, Board of Health, and Selectboard as there were no increases in their requests;
- Article 6, State Aid to Highways;
- Article 9, Collective Bargaining (as submitted by the FinCom); and
- Article 11, Social Day Care Center for \$125,000 not to come from the General Levy.

Mr. Roderiques scheduled a hearing for petitioners of Articles 17 through 23 for March 15. Those were an article establishing an ethics commission, regarding impeachment, term limits, public meeting minutes, elected appeals board, recall petitions, and wind turbine suspension, respectively.

In other matters, FinCom voted 8-0, with three members absent, for a \$450 reserve fund transfer to cover Conservation Commission increased advertising costs. ●●●

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Friday	17	0352	1617	1039	2216*
Saturday	18	0456	1718	1127*	2313*
Sunday	19	0552	1811	----	1207*
Monday	20	0641	1858	0001*	1240*
Tuesday	21	0725	1941	0043*	1309*
Wednesday	22	0807	2022	0122*	1339*
Thursday	23	0847	2102	0200*	1410*
Friday	24	0926	2141	0237*	1443*
Saturday	25	1005	2219	0313*	1518*
Sunday	26	1044	2257	0350*	1554*

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## Fairhaven Meetings

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Mon., 2/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Commission on Disability

Wed., 3/7, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/16, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 2/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 2/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 2/29, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

Wed., 2/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

200th anniversary of Town of Fairhaven Incorporation

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Mon. 3/5, Acush Comm Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Health

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

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/27, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Tues., 2/21, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 2/27, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

# Letters from our readers

## **We need manufacturing jobs**

This letter is a follow up to a fairhaven school committee meeting. First of all thanks for the opportunity to read my letter, however here are some critical points which I wasn't able to make at wednesday meeting.

The decline of American manufacturing. Just look around this area at all the closed and relocated factories. We see this throughout our nation. I say it's not all due to corporate greed and cheap foreign labor. A good part is the loss of the work ethic of too many of our citizens. Welfare is too easy

Another point I like to make is our national debit of 15 trillion growing at an alarming rate, I attribute to the decline of American manufacturing and the ever growing welfare entitlement policies of our government.

We can't spend our way into prosperity I say unless we turn this around Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal and many other European nations serve as examples of where we are headed. They are in financial ruin, they can't pay their debts. The people riot in the streets for their welfare.

Now I know its not the primary responsibility of our schools to instill responsibility and a strong work ethic. That belongs to their parents and guardians, however I still believe schools have a major role to play. They should stress high tech manufacturing and the fact we live in a world economy and if they expect to have a good future they have to compete.

I say manufacturing is vital to our economy. Steve Jobs founded Apple. I understand he created 400,000 jobs, 40,000 in the US in sales and service, the rest in China in manufacturing.

Why not make them here? If we had a work force trained in high tech technology with a strong work ethic, we could and we should. What is the result of this? We grow our debt to China, lose our manufacturing expertise, in short become a second rate nation.

I maintain that manufacturing is the backbone of our economy. It generates the income the rest of our economy depends upon. I maintain that high tech manufacturing is the best hope of turning our economy around. Why not make the TVs, computers, cell phones and other devices here together with the other

hardware we need?

I strongly hope and pray that our educators and teachers will recognize and consider the importance of high tech manufacturing and also the good pay and benefits it provides. They should point out and stress to their students if they expect to succeed in this field they will need the skills and training that is required: mathematics, CAD drawing, physics. They are not easy but nothing worth while is.

I mean no disrespect for our teachers, they have an important task of educating and preparing their students for the future.

I have a few options I hope this committee will strongly consider. Lengthen the school year from 180-200 days.

Why not have summer school with accelerated graduation for those students who want to work for it and make-up work for those students who need it. Last summer my granddaughter had to go to New Bedford for make up work? Why not have it here?

Teacher evaluation reward and compensate the teachers who deserve it.

Lastly but not the least let's not forget who supports and pays for this, it's the taxpayers of this town. It's my understanding that 80% of the school budget goes to pay teacher and administrator salaries, benefits and pensions. Once again let's be mindful who is paying for it.

We in the private sector have to compete if we expect to have a vibrant society. We need to recognize the importance of manufacturing we are on the verge of becoming a second rate nation my hope is that our society and educators recognize this.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

## **Acushnet needs to rein in spending**

How many of you taxpayers remember a program called Wake up Acushnet? I had the pleasure of working with the producer as videographer. He was the watchdog and kept our Selectmen walking on eggs. Some of you may be wondering what happened to the program. Well the Selectmen with the cooperation of the cable committee (which are appointed by the Selectmen) closed it down. This could be a coincidence

but this is what happened ever since.

A year ago all department heads were asked to level fund their budgets because of the economy, etc. Whatever money that was saved the selectmen spent. We're talking close to a million dollars of free cash, our unspent tax dollars. However that is not the most serious action they took.

1: They (the Selectmen) created some jobs. For instance the planning board now has a town planner on their budget at a salary of \$45,000 range. If the expertise is needed in that department why wouldn't they hire an engineer per diem and save the cost of another employee.

2: They (our Selectmen) created another job this one is maintenance director at \$40,000 plus. Who will he be directing? Most jobs will be farmed out with the approval of the building inspector and the town administrator. The kicker here is the custodial part of this job is now privatized. At what cost? I would say \$40,000 plus.

The sad part about this is according to our bylaws the maintenance of buildings is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works and could be done at very little cost to us tax payers. By the looks of things the operating expenses including the salary increases are up by \$200,000.

The Selectmen always said they operate the town like a business, well normally when a company is in trouble financially it cuts the overhead to keep the prices of their product competitive. They did the opposite. The selectmen raised the overhead and we become the raised price of the product.

Finally, most people in Acushnet are working every day just to keep their heads above water and don't realize how our town is mismanaged and without any consideration for us tax payers young and old

*Rene Racine, concerned taxpayer,  
Acushnet*

## **Valentine's Dance a fun time**

I had the pleasure of attending a function (Valentine's Dance at VFW on 2/11) that would bring the moving Vietnam Memorial to Fairhaven's Cushman park from July 5-8. The function was organized by George and his wife Cheryl Brownell.

I have to say that I was very impressed with the event as it exceeded all of my expectations.

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There was plenty of food for everyone and the band was upbeat enough to get even the wall flowers to get up and swing their hips!

While sitting with my fiancé and her mother (I call her Ma) I ran into a lot of old faces and friends and had a great time. In walks Jamie DeSousa who is running for the open selectman seat in our little town of Fairhaven. So I introduced myself to Mr. DeSousa. I began by letting him know that I was a "friend" of his on Facebook, however I noticed very little content on what his platform would be while running for selectman.

I expressed to the candidate that I yearn for the Fairhaven that I grew up in. The small town I used to frequent as a child while getting in my father's way when he was captain of the fishing vessel "Atlantic Challenger."

I realize that Fairhaven is no longer that small town we all remember. We have traffic and our fair share of crime. I also expressed to Mr. DeSousa that Fairhaven as a whole does not need to change all that much, but the town needs to capitalize on the natural treasures that this quaint town already possesses.

He agreed and was gracious enough to share some of his platform with me and my fiancé. As it is his campaign, I don't feel that I am at liberty to divulge exactly what his plans are, however I am happy that I got the opportunity to speak with him.

In all, I had a wonderful time and thank Mr. Brownell and his wife for coordinating this event. I give Kudos to Mr. Brownell for having the heart and drive to put on such a meaningful event. These types of functions are what this town needs, it not only adds to the community, but also brings a sense of togetherness for a good cause.

Recently we as a community have been focusing on important issues related to schools and wind power. They have been very heated debates to say the least.

I have always understood that Fairhaven is much bigger, more mature, and deserves great respect.

You see, it is when we as a community come together that we are at our strongest! For instance, events like the Homecoming fair, the upcoming Bicentennial year, and the arrival of

the Vietnam Memorial. There seems to be no arguments there!!

Regardless of our difference of opinions on wind, schools, and taxes we are all at are strongest as a community when we hang together rather than hang separately.

My wish is that we all hang together and celebrate the same vision of the father of this great town of Fairhaven, Henry Huttleston Rogers and remain the quaint, proud village by the bay!

I hope to see you all at the Vietnam Memorial in Cushman Park July 5th through the 8th.

*Earl Jorgensen, Fairhaven*

### **NIMBY is not a bad thing**

I am not a NIMBY but more a NIOBY [nay-o-buy].

I consider myself to have a fairly extensive vocabulary in English. Yet, when I came across the word NIMBY recently, I was at a loss. When I realized what the word meant, I was surprised it was meant to be derogatory. Why? If we all cleaned out our own yards, what a place this world could be! So I went and got myself a NIMBY (Not-In-My-Backyard) bumper sticker.

However, by and by I realized I see myself more as a NIOBY (Not-In-Our-Backyard). I completely feel for our neighbors that are having two industrial wind turbines forced upon their neighborhood.

Don't get me wrong. Looking at my immediate surroundings, I am not overlooking the need for a global green solution for our planet. I try to do my own small share by recycling every little tag, by reusing, conserving, by composting. I do recognize the need for alternative energy.

When my husband and I visited California a few years back, we drove through a desert towering with hundreds of wind turbines. It was breathtaking. I took picture after picture. They were so beautiful! But would I want to live next to one? No, absolutely not. And why should I have to?

Refusing to have one of those giants in your back yard doesn't mean that you are against green energy or that you endorse oil and fossil fuel companies. Wind turbines are beautiful... when seen from far away, and that is where they should be built, Mr. Sumul Shah.

There are other sources of alternative energy that are more suitable to be near people, such as solar panels. Why don't we try to put some of these up around the town and find a remote location for the wind turbines. And what if we can't find one in Fairhaven? Well, maybe Fairhaven is not a suitable place to erect wind turbines!

I believe that Little Bay certainly isn't. It is a sanctuary enjoyed by not only those fortunate enough to live nearby but also by those venturing there on their bikes, skates, feet and paws.

I live in the center of Fairhaven near the beginning of the bike path. I see people from all over, coming to enjoy the beauties and benefits of that trail. Go there early on summer morning, follow the little detour near DPW leading to Little Bay. You will see fish jumping out of the water to get out of the reach of a bigger fish, crabs climbing the rocks, birds singing and swooping to catch their breakfast. You will feel overwhelmed with a strong feeling to protect this little piece of paradise. Doing it by erecting a wind turbine right next to it will be the last thing on your mind.

Let's look at our town and community. Let's look at what we value. Let's forget about what neighborhood we live in. Is it the Center, North or East or are you the "Necker" or "West Islander," do you live in Little Bay? We are all neighbors. Let's all be NIOBYs! And be proud of it!

*Monika Whalley, Fairhaven*

### **Learn about Phil Washko**

I am writing this before the deadline to file nomination papers and before we find out who will actually be running for all of the different elected positions in Fairhaven. However, for Selectman I already know that Phil Washko is the candidate I want to support.

Kind of surprising since I met him less than a year ago, but Phil Washko has clearly demonstrated to many of us that he is a person with values and skills and commitments.

If the name Washko is vaguely familiar, it's likely because Phil and his wife Denise were selected as "Fairhaven Man and Women of the Year" by the Standard Times for 2011. He is an organizer and a leader and I hope that voters will get to learn

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more about him as this election campaign progresses.

*Ted Silva, Fairhaven*

### Selectboard member should stand by his words

Dear reader, reflect on these words while you read. [Fairhaven Selectboard member] Mr. Charlie Murphy stated in an e-mail before Christmas, "yes, we have a contract and yes we have signed it and yes the turbines are on their way...BUT nothing is impossible."

Mr. Murphy subsequently shared, after the Fairhaven Wind Forum, that he suddenly favors the State and consulting experts' expertise over that of relayed "first-hand" true life reality of wind turbines too close to residents.

The root issue isn't whether Mr.

Murphy believes me or the wind industry's puppets. Rather, it's whether he listens to his constituency. Should a selectman abandon the concerns of so many constituents if constituent doubt exists?

The reason Mr. Murphy was elected was on account that he was expected to represent all the citizens of Fairhaven. Which is especially vital more than ever, given the questionable implications from the State's wind Science Expert Panel and their recommendation that more health impact research is necessary.

To quote Mr. Murphy's words, "nothing is impossible." This distant citizen and friend, wonders why Mr. Murphy should suddenly "buy the snake oil"? If a selectman will not provide those he represents the concern they are due, another citizen

must pick up the colors and carry the charge.

The charge dear reader, is that a mandate guarantee, in writing, that no harm will befall those citizens Mr. Murphy and the board are supposed to represent is essential. The State Expert Panel says there is not enough scientific evidence to offer such guarantees.

It would be prudent and reasonable then, to owe ALL Fairhaven Citizens the benefit of doubt and stop further construction! After all, "nothing is impossible," right Charlie?

*Mark J. Cool, Falmouth, MA*

*Editor's Note: Mr. Murphy responded to a request from the Neighb News to comment on this letter. See story below.*

### Murphy says letter distorts his true meaning

*By Beth David*  
Editor

In response to a redacted email included with a letter to the editor, Fairhaven Selectboard Member Charles Murphy released the whole email thread to prove his point that his words were taken out of context and that the email conversation got personal and he is being villified for having an open mind.

In a letter to the editor, Mark Cool of Falmouth alludes to an email from a person he does not identify. In his email to the paper, Mr. Cool included the email exchange, but redacted the names. Mr. Murphy released the email with the names. The emails were sent between Mr. Murphy and Annie Hart Cool, Mr. Cool's wife.

In her first email on Dec. 11 Ms. Cool offers to meet with Mr. Murphy privately to discuss the problems she and her family are experiencing living near the turbine in Falmouth. She

suggests that since the WTs in Fairhaven are not up yet, that they can be stopped. Mr. Murphy responds that she should attend the forum planned for January.

He also says in the email that "nothing is impossible."

"I did think anything was possible," said Mr. Murphy. "We were in litigation. I cannot predict the future. I wish I could."

He said he listened to the information from the panel on January 24th and also took into consideration the complaints from people living in Falmouth and near other WTs around the state. He concluded the project is not dangerous for residents, and particularly for people with disabilities, his professional field.

Mr. Murphy said the situation in Falmouth is "totally different" than in Fairhaven and he is confident that Fairhaven will not experience the same problems. He said the techn-

ology is different, the base is different, the turbines are different.

"I responded with an open mind," said Mr. Murphy. "I was very open-minded through the whole process."

He said he never heard back from Ms. Cool about attending the forum and does not know if she was there. But on Feb. 11 he received an email from Ms. Cool saying it was "so very sad what is happening in Fairhaven" and that the Selectboard "ought to have done their homework."

When he responded that she did not have the same information the board had, Ms. Cool responded angrily.

"And you clearly don't live 1600 feet from one. You bought the snake oil sir! You bought it! I too can produce experts. Lame response, you," she wrote in her email on Feb. 11. "God bless you for the lives you will ruin."

Mr. Murphy responded by asking her not to email him again. ●●●

### Appeals keeps it short: votes in favor of retirees' peace

*By Jean Perry*

#### Neighb News Correspondent

Bernard Ristuccia, Jr. of 24 Nelson Avenue did not appear before the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals on 2/7, opting for a continuance until 3/7 to design a new plan for demolishing a small preexisting house and constructing a larger house.

In a letter to the board, Mr. Ristuccia said he was "working with

the direct abutters to come up with an acceptable footprint."

Neighbors have opposed previous home designs, saying the proposed plans would be out of character for a neighborhood of smaller homes and cottages, and would also block a neighbor's view of Wilbur's Point.

That left only one item on the agenda. Kathleen Curbone of 6 Morgan Street addressed the board,

seeking a variance to build a three-season room with a wrap-around deck.

When the board asked Ms. Curbone why she wanted to build the room she replied, "My husband retired and he's taken over the living room."

Board members chuckled and voted unanimously to approve the variance.

# Trey Whalley recognized for second consecutive year

## Press Release

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Trey is a longtime Fairhaven resident where he lives with his wife and two daughters and is President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association. He has over 15 years of investment management experience, holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the Boston Securities Analyst Society. He is also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

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## SSA boat runs aground



According to Lt. Lincoln from the Fairhaven Fire Department, the Ivanhough, a Steamship Authority boat, broke its mooring and ran a ground in soft sand on Sun., 2/12. No oil or fuel was spilled, but the sight was startling to neighbors when the boat settled close to Main Street. ABOVE: tow and tugboats put the boat back in place on the pier at the SSA facility in Fairhaven. Photo by Heidi Winnett.

## IWT pieces arriving



Pieces of the Industrial Wind Turbines slated to be installed on Arsene Street in Fairhaven have started to arrive. According to Fairhaven Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch, the pieces will be transported late at night due to Mass. Highway regulations. Route 6 has to be shut down while the oversized pieces make the turns at Rte. 195 and Arsene Street. The developers have arranged for on-site security at the site. ABOVE: a section of the tower for one of the IWTs sits off Arsene Street. This section is one of four that will create the tower that will be 80 meters (about 265 feet) high. The blades will reach another 41 meters high for a total of 397 feet. Photo by Beth David.

# Kindergarten Registration 2012

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012 FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2012-2013 Academic Year

Children who are expected to enter **Kindergarten or First Grade** in the *Fairhaven Public Schools* next September must be registered at their neighborhood school during the week of **March 5th-9th, 2012**. Registration will be from **9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at each of the schools.

\*Please note that students north of Route 6, south of North St, and west of Hastings Middle School may attend either Rogers or Wood School dependent on enrollment numbers at each school. Kindergarten registration for students living in this area will be at the Administration Building located at 128 Washington Street. Determination of final placement will be contingent upon class size at Rogers and Wood School.

**Entrance age Kindergarten:** Any

child, resident of Fairhaven, who turns age five (5) on or before August 31, 2012 is eligible to register for Kindergarten.

**Entrance age First Grade:** Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who is six (6) years of age on or before August 31, 2012 is eligible for first grade.

*Children already attending Kindergarten in the Fairhaven Public Schools need not register for first grade.*

**Items that must be provided at the time of registration are:** Birth Certificate; Immunization records; Proof of Residency; Certified copy of probate court order or judgment relative to the custody of the child. In the event of a restraining order or other legal decree, please ensure that up-to-date information is on file in the school office.

For additional information please visit [www.fairhavenps.org](http://www.fairhavenps.org)

The Fairhaven Public Schools offers all programs, activities and

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Questions can be answered by contacting your neighborhood school.

- East Fairhaven School, 508-979-4058
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## Legal Notices/Public Hearings

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 27, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Michael Ristuccia Location Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 403-4143 Purpose verify wetland line within a VE flood zone
- Notice of Intent Applicant Katherine Marie Tumiski, Trustee, c/o Jan Crosby Location 22 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 30 Purpose construct rip-rap seawall on a rocky costal beach and within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Carlos Tavares Location 22 Ash Street Plot 24 Lot 210, 211 Purpose construct 26' x 30' garage within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Matthew Loo/Ashlee Kirkwood Location waters south of Round Island Purpose Aquaculture farm.
- Amended Notice of Intent Applicant Jesse Perry Jr. Location 36 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 23 Purpose amend Order SE 23 -888.

*Respectfully submitted*  
Andrew Jones Chairman

*Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY,

March 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Jonathan Costa 395 Huttleston Avenue Plat 31A, Lot 309-310 Book 9008, Page 83  
198-16 A Special Permit is required for a greenhouse with retail sales under 5 acres in a RA District.
2. Donna McKenna Arsene Street Plat 28, Lots 8, 8A & 9 Book 1490, Page 201 & Book 3326, Page 266  
Administrative Appeal Administrative Appeal of Building Permit for Wind Turbines.
3. John W. Folino, Jr. 15-18 Arsene Way Plats 28, 30A, Lots 2A, 1A Book 4537, Page 24  
Clarification of a Special Permit issued on July 5, 2011.
4. Jeffrey Antil, Trustee 249 Adams Street Plat 23, Lot 93 Book 3945, Page 91  
198-21 A Special Permit is required for expansion of a pre-existing nonconforming use.
5. Jesse Perry, Jr., Trustee 36 Balsam Street Plat 43C, Lot 23 Certificate # 21031  
198-18 Short 11' north side and 6' south side of the required 20' side setback and 1% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

*Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

### FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a

Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on February 28, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Definitive Subdivision Modification**, the applicant, Todd Eisenberg, is requesting a Modification of Condition #2 to an approved 2010 Subdivision. The condition required a Triple-Stone Seal road surface. The applicant is proposing a gravel road surface at the request of the Conservation Commission. The location of the property is, Washburn Avenue, Map 4, Lot 29. 2) **Repetitive Petition**, the Applicant, Scott Hyman, has revised his plans and is requesting Repetitive Petition approval to reapply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Variance to the lot coverage and setback requirements for the construction of a shed in which he was denied. There is a two year time limit before a new Variance may be reapplied for, unless a Repetitive Petition is granted. The new proposal has to be materially different than the one denied. The location of the property is 54 Bayview Avenue, Map 28, Lot 439.

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

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board*

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