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

FHS girls make history



The 2012 Fairhaven High School girls basketball team are the SouthCoast Division 3 champs for the first time in the school's history, but went down to Pentucket high for the state championship. ABOVE: the Fairhaven High School Girls Basketball team celebrates after beating Archbishop Williams of Braintree at UMassBoston on Saturday, 3/11. L-R: Kiyana Alfaiate, Alexandra Charette, #12 Kay Mullen, #31 Mariah Nicholas, Bri Pelton, Katie Langlois, Danielle Paulson, #23 Ashley Brown, #24 Kayli Moniz, #25 Rebecca Larson, #32 Kelsey Perron-Sovik, #14 Kara Charette, Madison Shields, Tae Kojima, Katie Leidhold. Not pictured: Faith Richard. See story page 10. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

This week, a conflict involving this paper came to my attention. I have learned that the “Fairhavenites for Wind Power” Facebook page was created by Heidi Winnett’s husband Scott. Heidi is our photographer, Meredith is their daughter. Meredith covered the Board of Health meeting for us, with the story running in last week’s issue.

First, I want to say that Meredith wrote a good, solid, objective story. She is new to journalism, she is in her first year of college, so we worked on her story together. I’m proud of the story she turned in and what ran in the paper. I wouldn’t change any of it.

If I had known about the connection, I probably would not have assigned that particular story to her; but let’s face it, the wind thing is popping up everywhere, on a lot of boards. Conflicts will happen. It’s a small town, we all know everyone. Meredith knew many of the people in that meeting from the neighborhood. That kind of familiarity, although seen as a strict conflict by the books, actually serves to remind the reporter that these are real people we are writing about. It makes a reporter be more respectful. And I think that’s a good thing.

As for the conflict with Heidi and taking pictures: she takes the pictures I tell her to take. She doesn’t write stories to go with her pictures.

I know some people won’t believe that I didn’t know about the connection and, therefore, won’t trust some of the information they read between these pages. That’s their right. All I can do is the same thing I’ve been doing for seven years: my very best to give my readers objective reporting.

I’ll let you decide.

I had a conflict like that once with another paper. It was a bit of an embarrassment for the editors, but the story I wrote was never assailed as biased, only my motivation was. My editor stuck by me on that one, and I plan on doing the same with my reporters. We will let the work speak for itself.

This kind of thing has come up before and will be sure to come up again. The longer I do this, the more people I meet, the more chances for conflicts. The smaller Fairhaven becomes.

All I can say is, we will do our best to put our own feelings aside and write the most objective piece we possibly can.

I’ll let my readers decide if we succeed.

Now, on a lighter note. I got a special invitation to join the Golden Agers Club; entrance fee is being at least 55 years old. Didn’t people get senior discounts at 55 years old once upon a time? I’m telling you, younger end-of-the-baby-boomer status isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

Well, gotta go. This issue is jam-packed and next week’s will be to. Be sure to find the candidate statements. We started them last week and will continue them next week. Then...the election. Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS

OHMYGOD...I want to hide...how, pray tell, does such a slip of the keyboard happen?
Gary Souza is our former POLICE chief
("From West Africa" in last week’s issue). So sorry.

Perspectives

There was quite the uproar when our friends across the river published a photo of the Fairhaven's newly installed wind turbine from a perspective that made it bigger than life.

The perspective made it look as though it loomed over the town hall.

The effect was caused by simply zooming in on the wind turbine from a distance and from a height.

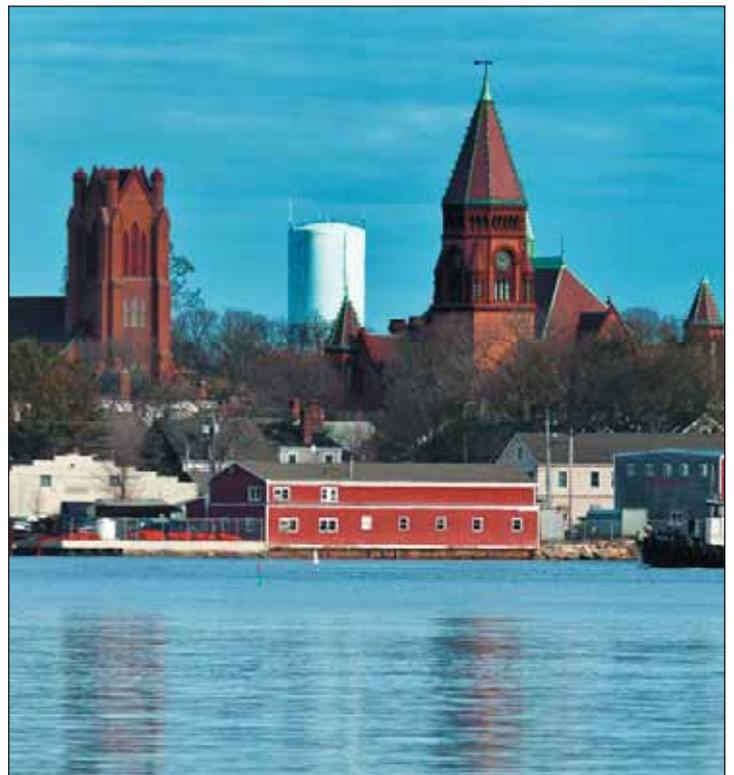
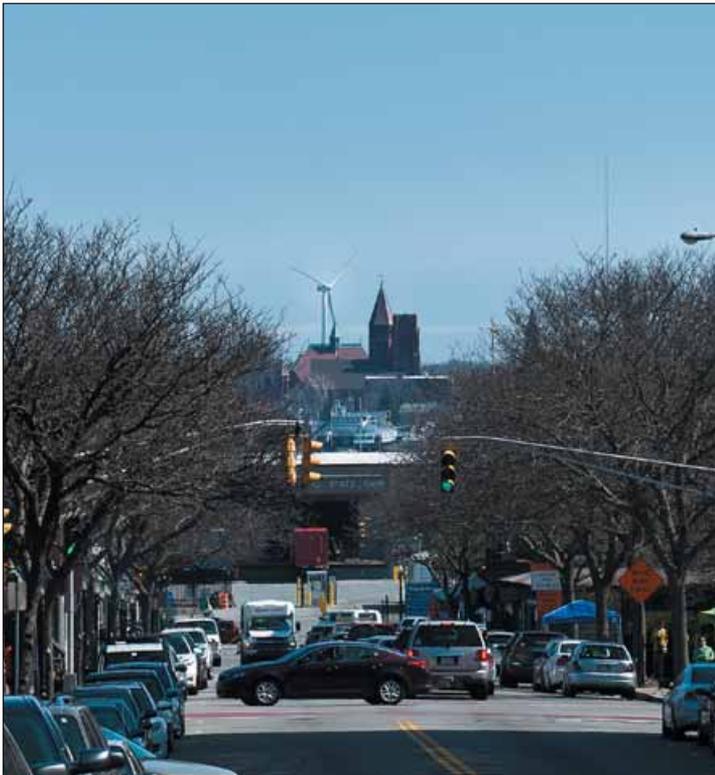
We asked Jim Mahaney to take his super-duper zooming lens across the river and get a similar shot so we could show you a comparison of what the zoomed-in version looks like

compared to the what-the-human-eye-sees version.

And for good measure, we also threw in a shot of the water tank on Boston Hill & Alden Roads looking as though it's right near the town hall.



ABOVE LEFT: This photo was taken from the top deck of the Zeiterion Parking Garage at 50 mm (close to what the human eye sees). From the ground, the turbine looks smaller. ABOVE RIGHT: taken from the same location at 300 mm. The telephoto zoom compresses objects in the photo making it seem that they are right on top of each other. BELOW LEFT: From the top of Union Street with a 105 zoom lens (not as powerful as a 300) BELOW RIGHT: Photo of the Boston Hill/Alden Road water tank taken from the South End boat ramp in New Bedford with a 300 mm lens. The water tower on Alden Road looks to be on the same property as the Town Hall and almost as tall. Such is the effect of long telephoto lenses. *Photos by Jim Mahaney. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



Selectboard holds off on independent counsel for Wind issue

Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Budget cuts and discussions on articles relating directly and indirectly to the wind turbine project dominated the Fairhaven selectboard meeting on March 19.

Opponents of the industrial wind turbine project argued at the March 7th Appeals board meeting that Attorney Thomas Crotty's position as legal counsel for the Appeals Board was a conflict of interest, since he was already representing the town and the building inspector in lawsuits connected to the turbines.

The Selectboard decided to consult with the state's Ethics Commission before granting the ZBA's request to obtain outside counsel.

"I think we have spent a tremendous amount of money for legal fees on the ongoing lawsuit between Fairhaven and litigants," said Dr. Bowcock. "Before we spend more money on outside lawyers I want to ask the ethics commission whether or not there really is a conflict. If the state ethics commission feels that Attorney Crotty doesn't have a conflict, then he can give the ZBA legal advice."

Town Counsel submitted legal opinions on several other town meeting articles:

He advised that the town had the ability to impose a requirement that public meeting minutes be submitted within 48 hours and that videos of meetings be made available for public viewing, but found problems with the proposal to create a town ethics committee.

The State Ethics Commission already has jurisdiction over municipal officers, but as the proposed town committee would be limited to three sanctions — censure, a vote of no confidence, and impeachment — which are not provided for in state law and which are particularly local in nature, the town would not be out of bounds to create a local entity. He pointed out problems in the wording of the article, however, including a lack of definition of what would be considered "unethical" and that the scope of the committee's authority was overly broad and vague.

He also believed that it was beyond the town's scope of authority to impeach officials or to change the appointed appeals board to an elected one, as this authority can only be granted by the legislature, and that an article to rescind a 1995 Cushman Park easement to Verizon was either unnecessary or ineffectual.

Another Cushman Park easement article

submitted by town resident Bradford Souza will remain on the town meeting warrant, although the selectboard advised Mr. Souza to explore other potential roads of legal action.

The board had a great deal of concern over proposed BPW articles and how they were going to be funded.

"The water department has already raised rates by 26 cents," town treasurer John Nunes pointed out. "For these articles to go out to bond, we'll need to raise water rates by another 33 cents to cover them."

The selectboard acknowledged that the Boston Hill water tower project was a necessity, but that "a 56-cent increase was a hard hit," as Mr. Murphy put it.

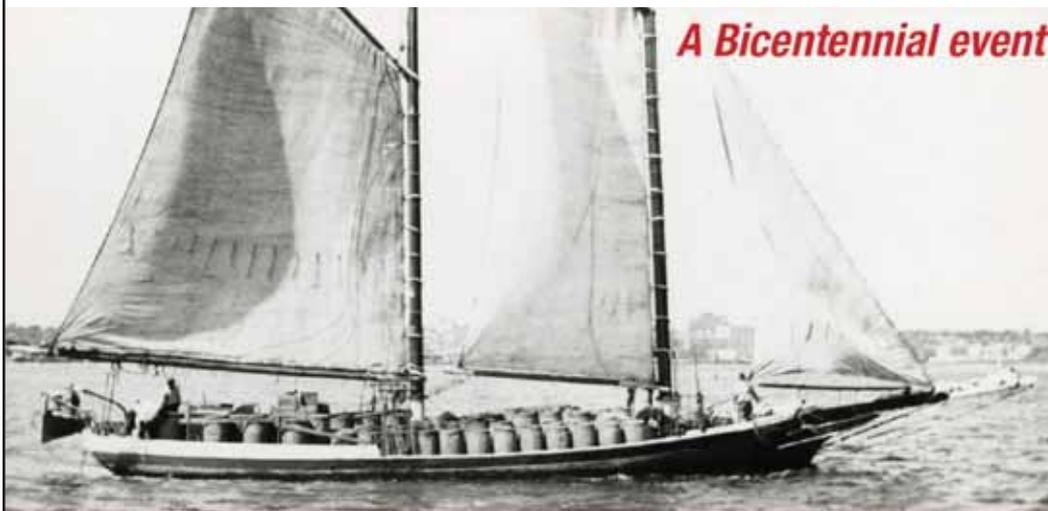
The board postponed decisions on police, fire, school and the harbormaster's budgets until next meeting to allow each department head to discuss the impacts of level funding on each department.

"In order to have a balance budget, police, fire and school will have to be level funded and other departments will have to be less than level funded," said Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

The board also postponed voting on the Tourism Department's budget as they

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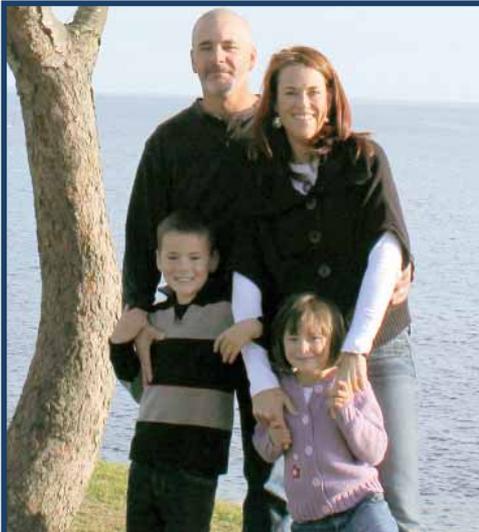
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"Phil Washko does his homework! He learns all aspects of an issue, listens to all sides, and then makes fair and informed decisions. He is the kind of decision maker that we need and I will be proud to cast my vote for Phil on April 2." — **Stasia Powers**

"Phil has motivated and energized many new and younger Fairhaven families into becoming community leaders." — **Mark Badwey**

"Phil is a political newcomer who is young and has fresh ideas on how government should operate, but most importantly he has the civility and intergity that all public servants should possess." — **Kathy Sturtevant**



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Candidates night

WIIA

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual Candidates' Night on **Wednesday, 3/28, at 7 p.m., at the Community House, 41 Causeway Road.** This is the last of the candidates nights.

Candidates have been invited to participate and share their views regarding the upcoming election to be held on Monday, 4/2. All are welcome to come and meet the candidates and get their questions answered. Refreshments served..

FHS Play

Disney's Beauty & the Beast

Thursday, March 29 to Sunday April 1, Thurs., Fri., Sat. at 7:30 p.m., Sun. at 2:00 p.m., Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, (Larch Avenue Entrance). Accessible.

Fairhaven High School Drama Club presents the Disney's musical Beauty and the Beast. Reserved Seating: Adults \$15, Students/ Seniors \$12, Children 12 and under \$10. Box office open Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 PM or call 508-979-4051 ext. 5411.

Bicentennial Events

March 30 & April 1: Historical Coastal Schooner "Coral" Presentation at Coast Guard Auxiliary, 80 Middle St., 7 p.m.

April 28: Aerial picture at Fairhaven high school. Students to spell out "Fairhaven 200" in the football stadium.

For a full list of events visit www.Fairhaven200.blogspot.com or the office of tourism website, <http://fairhavenevents.blogspot.com/>

Flashlight Egg Hunt

EARLY REGISTRATION

10th Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt, Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., (**Must pre-register by March 27**), Fairhaven Rec Center, 227 Huttleston Ave.

Children age ten and under will search for eggs on Rec Center grounds, take photos with the Easter Bunny and get a special treat. You must bring a flashlight. **No late reservations or walk-ins will be allowed. \$5 per child. Children must be registered by March 27.** For more

information, call 508-993-9269.

Fish & Chips

Fish and Chip Take-Out, **Fridays, March 23 & 30**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven

Get a delicious take-out meal of fish and chips. Cost is \$6.50 with proceeds benefiting the residents. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 508-999-4561.

iPad Raffle

Drawing on 4/4. Buy tickets at Our Lady's Haven

Pancake Breakfast

The Fairhaven Lions Club donated \$3,600 to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund at the Lions International Mid-Winter Conference on Cape Cod recently. The club also donated to The Standard Times Neediest Family Fund.

Their next fundraiser will be an Annual Pancake Breakfast at **St. Mary's Church Hall on Sun., Mar. 25, from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Tickets are \$5.00/person** and can be obtained at the door or by calling Victor Oliveira at 508-992-1775.

Bullying & Cyberbullying talk

Come learn about recent research on how bullying happens and how parents can partner with schools to prepare and protect their own children. This presentation will also focus on our research about how kids use the Internet and the types of cyberbullying that occur. We'll discuss how school problems and cyber-issues impact friendships, and what to discuss with your child to reduce the risk that he or she will become involved. Bullying and cyberbullying can impact growing teens emotionally, academically, and can result in long-standing problems. Education and awareness is the answer. Monday, March 26, at 6:30pm, Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven.

Babysitting Services available RSVP and your name will be entered into a special raffle, to Wendy Williams @ wwilliams@fairhavenps.org or 508-979-4075

Sponsored by: FPS Civil Rights

Task Force. Funding for this event has been provided by FPS PTOs

Light It Up Blue

This year Autism Speaks' Light It Up Blue world wide event takes place the night of **Monday April 2nd as a kick off to Autism Awareness Month.** Look for Fairhaven Town Hall and the high school to be lit up blue on election night.

Organizers are looking for more people to join in on "Light It Up Blue Fairhaven" as part of Autism Speaks' worldwide effort to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders. Visit <http://www.lightitupblue.org/Markslist/home.do>

For more information email Diane Hahn at dihahn@msn.com or call 508-993-6876 to leave a message.

Medicare/Medex

To all retired employees from the Town of Fairhaven and the Town of Fairhaven School Department.

On Monday, March 26, 2012 at 10:30 AM, in the Banquet Room at the Town Hall, the Town has invited representatives from Social Security, Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield to answer any questions you may have regarding the upcoming changes to your health insurance effective July 1, 2012.

There will be Medicare B enrollment forms and a Medicare representative available to assist you.

This is the opportunity to get any and all of your questions answered.

Windwise Films

Wind power... it's sustainable ... it burns no fossil fuels...it produces no air pollution. What's more, it cuts down dependency on foreign oil. That's what the people of Meredith, in upstate New York first thought when a wind developer looked to supplement the rural farm town's failing economy with a farm of their own - that of 40 industrial wind turbines. "Windfall," a beautifully photographed feature length film, documents how this proposal divides Meredith's residents as they fight over the future of their community. Attracted at first to the financial incentives that would seemingly boost their dying economy, a group of townspeople grow increasingly

STILL AROUND TOWN

alarmed as they discover the impacts that the 400-foot high windmills slated for Meredith could bring to their community as well as the potential for financial scams.

Monday, 3/26, 7 p.m., VFW, 109

Middle St., Fairhaven. Accessible. Free and open to the public.

Online video

Windwise has posted a video of the blade signing event on 3/10/12.

Highlights include candidate Washko's views on the project as well as the developer's response to a call for property value guarantees.

Visit <http://vimeopro.com/user8792371/windwise>

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Play

See review on page 17

Tennessee Williams' classic play, "The Night of the Iguana," about the search for life's purpose and human interconnection is on tap at Your Theatre, Inc. Thursday through **Saturday, March 22-24, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m.** Performed at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St. Accessible.

For tickets call 508 993-0772, or e-mail ytinc@verizon.net. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

Yacht Racing Talk

Douglas Adkins presents "Dorade; the History of an Ocean Racing Yacht" on **Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Accessible.** A reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery precedes the lecture. Adkins traces the illustrious career of Dorade, generally considered the greatest ocean racing yacht of the twentieth century. Launched in 1930.

Admission: \$15 members; \$20 non-members. For tickets, call (508) 997-0046 Ext. 100.

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. Visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

March for Meals

Coastline will host a **Fun Walk and Wellness Fair at Fort Taber in the south end of New Bedford on Sat., March 24th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Yoga and zumba demonstrations, health screenings at the Wellness Fair inside the Fort Taber Community Building.

The Fun Walk costs \$15.00 for seniors over 60 and children under 12, \$25.00 for adults, and \$40 for families (1-2 adults and children). For your donation you will receive a

T-Shirt and one raffle ticket.

All proceeds from the walk go to Coastline's Nutrition Program. Register online at coastlineelderly.org or call Abigail Maxian at 508-742-9175.

G.I.R.L.S. Series

The speaker series Girls Interested in Real Life Science (GIRLS) continues on **March 22**, as the Ocean Explorium welcomes Sara MacSorley, project administrator for the NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) in RI. Ms. MacSorley's professional interests lie in scientific communication, marine science education in informal settings, and helping young women get started on their own paths to careers in science. Next in series:

March 29: Kate Clopeck, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Community Water Solutions

Free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:00 pm for refreshments; talks begin at 5:30 pm. Girls and boys in grades 5-12 are encouraged to attend: families welcome, 174 Union Street, New Bedford. Wheelchair accessible via the rear entrance. Call 508.994.5400 for after-hours access.

For further information, contact Abbey Spargo at aspargo@oceanexplorium.org or 508.994.5400, or visit the Ocean Explorium website at www.oceanexplorium.org.

Meat Pie Dinner

The New Bedford Lions Club will be hosting its annual Meat Pie/Chicken Pie Supper on **Sat. 3/24 from 4-7 pm at Cyd's Creative Kitchen, 2331 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford.** Ticket: \$8 for Adults; Children under 12 are \$5. Purchase tickets from Cyd's or by calling Den at 401-714-1482. It is highly recommended to pre-purchase your tickets. There will be a limited amount of tickets at the door for sale. All funds will go to continue eye research through Mass Lions Eye Research.

The New Bedford Lions Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Please call Club President Louis Carlesi at 401-374-0015 for meeting location. New members are always welcome.

Basketball Challenge

See page 10 for details

Comedy F-R

The game is afoot and so is laughter, lots of laughter! Part Monty Python, part Marx Brothers, and totally screwy, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is a hilarious spoof of the classic Sherlock Holmes novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Three guys play a total of 16 characters from a dwarf to a Spanish Señorita. They pull it off with a rolling doorway, some furniture pieces, a trunk of costumes, props and wigs and little else.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 23, 24 & 25, at 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$15.00; Students & Seniors, \$12.00

For more information and to order tickets visit www.hfhn.org/2012/03/06/cabaret/

Wine Tasting F-R

Cotali Mar Restaurante, located at 1178 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, will host 'Cotali Mar Cares', a charity wine tasting to benefit the Schwartz Center for Children, on Wed., 3/28, at 6:00 in the evening.

The \$25 donation includes a fine selection of wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, live and silent auctions. 100% of all proceeds will be donated to the Schwartz Center for Children.

Please join us in supporting the special children of the Schwartz Center by purchasing your tickets at Cotali Mar Restaurante at 508-990-0066, or by contacting the Schwartz Center at 508-996-3391 x427.

The Schwartz Center for Children has been serving children with a variety of special needs since 1947.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Greenlight for Girls

Looking for sponsors

On June 2, 2012 greenlight for girls, in collaboration with the UMass Dartmouth Kaput Center for Research and Innovation in STEM Education, will be holding the second annual greenlight for girls Day-SouthCoast for 10-15 year-old-girls. **We are looking for volunteers, sponsors, and workshop presenters.** From checking in girls at the registration table to leading workshops to providing monetary donations, we are looking for individuals who are interested in being part of the "daisy chain."

If you have a passion for STEM and would like to be a part of something that will empower girls to stick with their dreams, please consider becoming a workshop leader. Past workshops have included "Lego Robotics," "Biotechnology for Health and Beauty" and "Electric Earrings."

Contact Sarah Thomas, Director, Americas and Education Chair, sarah@greenlightforgirls.org, greenlightforgirls.org

Bird Club

Join the Nasketucket Bird Club for its monthly meeting March 22 at 7pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library. We will prepare for spring migration by discussing the print and online resources available to birders. Bring your favorite resource to share. We will share recent sightings and bird trips as well.

Also, on Sunday, March 25 at 7:30am the Bird Club will be exploring the Bay Club and searching the local area for the first ospreys of the year. Meeting place: Park & Ride, North Street, Mattapoisett. Free and all are welcome. For more info: Justin Barrett, 774-207-8515 or jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

Habitat Home Show

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will host the Home & Garden Show at Tabor Academy on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The show will be held inside Tabor Academy's Travis Roy Ice Rink, located at 266 Front Street in Marion, Massachusetts.

Admission into the Home & Garden

Show is free to the public. The event is in support of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Complimentary BBAHFH tote bags will be distributed to the first 50 attendees, courtesy of a donation from Dr. Susan Camacho D.M.D., M.S., of Fairhaven. BBAHFH will distribute door prizes throughout the day.

Free workshops and home improvement seminars will be offered on insurance, financing, water-proofing, energy efficiency, etc. Children's activities and musical entertainment.

For more information, or to volunteer, visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org, or call the office at (508) 758-4517.

Naomi Wolf at UMD

Renowned author, feminist spokesperson, journalist, and political activist Naomi Wolf, will appear at University of Mass. **Dartmouth on Tuesday, March 27. Beginning at 2PM at the Woodland Commons**, Wolf will discuss democracy, social sustainability, and how citizen uprisings will reshape America in her talk entitled Engaging Democracy: How Citizen Uprisings Will Reshape America.

As an activist, Naomi Wolf travels the world regularly, speaking to audiences, and participating with intense poise in civic movements. On October 20th 2011, Naomi Wolf was arrested and held in custody in New York for participating in the Occupy Wall Street protests.

For more information on Naomi Wolf and Finding Our Voices, contact UMass Dartmouth's Office of Campus and Community Sustainability at 508-910-6484 or sustainability@umassd.edu. You can also learn more at NaomiWolf.org.

Volunteers needed

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is in great need of volunteers from Wareham to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments; volunteer drivers donate their time and use of their cars so patients can receive their lifesaving treatment. A special informational session for community members interested in becoming

Road to Recovery volunteer drivers will be held **Thursday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Wareham Public Library, 59 Marion Road in Wareham. Light refreshments will be served.**

For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508-897-4325 or Linda.Aguiar@cancer.org, or visit cancer.org.

Sustainability conf

The Second Annual SE Mass. Forum on Sustainability will take place **Thursday, March 29, from 8:30AM - 12:30PM, at University of Mass. Dartmouth's Woodland Commons Center.** Attendance is free and all are welcome.

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven girls make history

The 2012 Fairhaven High School girls basketball team are the SouthCoast Division 3 champs for the first time in the school's history. The Fairhaven girls were defeated by a very talented Pentucket high, 53-39, on 3/13 at the TD Garden in Boston. Pentucket went on to be state champs in Worcester. These FHS girls are the finest team in the history of

girls basketball at FHS. They won their SouthCoast Div. 3 championship and were South Sectional Champs. Hats off to them and seniors Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Rebecca Larson, Kayli Moniz and Kara Charette. Kelsey, Ashley Brown, and Kara should be ST All Star selections. Kara Charette should win Cowen's Award.

Here we go again! It's spring and softball time, and FHS should see another exciting season for a lot of these basketball players are also super softball players.

B&G Club all stars include FHS students

The Fairhaven High School Basketball program will be well represented by Kara Charette, Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Ashley Brown and Billy Lessa, all selected as area All-Stars for the 20th Annual Boys & Girls Club Basketball Challenge. The finishing touch on the area's high school basketball season will take place on Friday evening, March 23rd at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, located at the corner of North and Jenny Streets in New Bedford. The hoop action begins at

6p.m. with the 7th and 8th grade Rising Stars of New Bedford taking on the Rising Stars of Wareham. The high school all star girls game is at 7 p.m. followed by the high school all star boys at 8 p.m.

The annual fund-raiser supports the programs and

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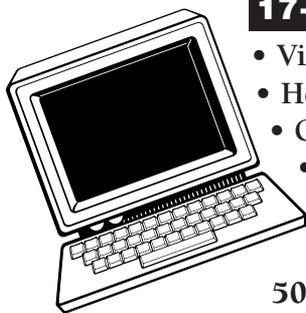
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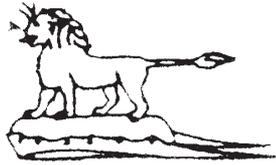
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Acushnet Housing Auth. tenants want formal communications

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

Robert Varley, a resident at the Presidential Terrace, addressed the Acushnet Housing Authority at the February 29th meeting about the need to develop a formalized communication agreement between the Tenants Association and the Housing Authority. Reading from state rules and regulations, Mr. Varley noted that such agreements need to outline procedures that will be followed in regard to tenants' opinions and suggestions about issues that directly affect them.

Specifically, in the regulations dealing with "Consultation Between LHA (Local Housing Authority) and LTO (Local Tenant's Association) In Certain Matters," the documentation states "Whenever an LHA proposes to adopt or amend a rule or policy which will affect the rights, status, duties or welfare of residents...the LHA shall first seek the LTO's advice and include the proposal as an agenda item for discussion at a meeting between the LHA and the LTO. The LTO shall also be given reasonable opportunity to appear and make known to the Board any objection to such a rule or policy at a board meeting. The Board shall deal with such objections on its merits."

Citing the recent action by the Housing Authority to stop staff clear the residents' cars and parking spaces of snow, Mr. Varley said a change that affects tenants as much as that one did should have considered their concerns before a decision was made.

To avoid future contentious incidents, Mr. Varley requested that the Housing Authority take a formal vote that acknowledges it is their

intention to formalize the communication channels and working relationship between the two groups.

"We need to build a bridge and break down a fence," said Mr. Varley.

Despite Mr. Varley's request, no member of the Housing Authority made a motion concerning his suggested vote nor did the acting chairperson, Lawrence Marshall, call for one.

When asked after the meeting why the vote Mr. Varley requested was not entertained, Housing Authority member Richard Threshall said, I don't think the vote was necessary because we've obviously been working with the Tenant's Association for at least the last two years."

**We need to build a
bridge and break down
a fence [Robert Varley]**

During the meeting Acting Director Lynn Sigman acknowledged that the last few months have been rough for the tenants for various reasons; including the recent changes in management and limited office hours.

After explaining how she was doing her best to improve matters for the tenants she said, "If you could give us some time...could give the board some time...that we're definitely going to straighten things out and get everyone on the right road."

Ms. Sigman explained that she has begun to attend the Tenant's Association meetings each month to act as a liaison between the tenants



Robert Varley of the Acushnet Housing Authority's Tenant Association, quotes from Mass. law at the 2/29 meeting. Photo by Diane Kozak.

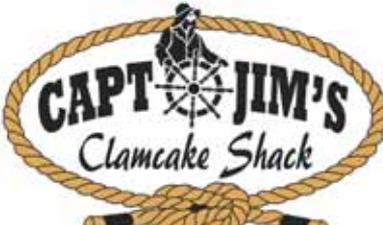
and the board.

"A lot of the complaints that were brought to my attention were addressed at the meeting today," she said, stressing how her presence at the tenants' meetings have already been effective.

In a separate conversation Ms. Sigman reported that Deborah Pelletier has been hired by the Housing Authority in an administrative position. The addition has brought office hours back up to 34 hours per week. Ms. Sigman noted that since December, when the previous director left the job, the office was only open an average of 17 to 20 hours each week.

Although Mr. Varley has yet to get the Housing Authority to vote on their intentions to work with the Tenant's Association, he said he was pleased with having Ms. Sigman act as liaison between the two groups.

He also said he was pleased that his concerns were put on the meeting agenda and hopes future meetings will allow for continued tenant input.



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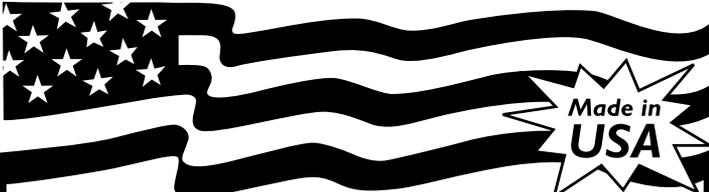
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Candidates introduced to the voters

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven candidates had their first chance to address the voters at the senior center on Wednesday, 3/14. The Government Access Station Channel 18 has been televising the event. All candidates had the opportunity to address voters with a statement, then each candidate was asked one question by a panel member.

Selectboard candidate Jaime DeSousa stressed that he was the only candidate not affiliated with any group. He promised independence and accountability.

He said he will listen first, "and then decide" on issues, and work to restore trust in public officials.

Stressing his background in business, Mr. DeSousa said solutions do not "magically appear," and that he has a plan to attract business and tourists to Fairhaven.

Selectboard candidate Bob Espindola stressed that he grew up in Fairhaven and has a background working in the petroleum industry.

"As an engineer by nature, I'm a problem solver," said Mr. Espindola. "I see opportunities rather than problems."

He said he had new ideas to help build the future of the town. He stressed that

the use of modern technology could make it easier and cheaper for residents to be informed.

Selectboard candidate Jeff Messier stressed his experience on the Finance Committee. He said the town was in good financial shape now because of the work he had done as chair. He said their was "distrust as there is today," when he was in office 17 years ago. He said he made an effort to make the Finance Committee more transparent.

"I took the bull by the horns," said Mr. Messier, saying he does not have to tell voters what he would do, he has already done it.

Selectboard candidate Phil Washko told voters that he and his wife chose to live in Fairhaven. He said they love the town and he was running to help "make it the best town it can be."

Mr. Washko is a town meeting member and was instrumental in getting the new school vote to pass, leading the Standard Times to name him and his wife Fairhaven man and woman of the year.

He said after the school vote he felt "tremendously gratified."

"I realized that one person can make a difference in this town," said Mr. Washko. "I have faith in this community."

Incumbent David Gonsalves is running

for re-election to School Committee. Three candidates are running for two seats.

"This is my town," said Mr. Gonsalves, explaining that he told his girlfriend that Fairhaven was the best place to raise and educate children.

He said he was taught early on that if you don't like something "don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution," and that is why he ran for office nine years ago, although he lost that first election.

"I don't pull any punches," said Mr. Gonsalves, promising more of the same if he is re-elected. "What you see is what you get. This is me."

He said he bases his decisions on three things: the best interests of the children, fiscal responsibility to the town, and how it will affect residents.

Donna McKenna, a newcomer to politics is also running for school committee. She said she was concerned about the children's education "and the future of our schools."

She said she enjoyed going door to door and talking to voters.

"I'm open minded, and will listen," said Ms. McKenna, adding she will voice the opinions of others on the board.

She said she will work to gain the trust of all the voters.

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wanted to discuss the ramifications of possibly cutting the director's hours or possibly moving the visitor's center to a new location to reduce rent.

A public hearing on tree removals on Spring Street had to be postponed until April 2nd, due to a legal technicality. Town Planner Bill Roth and Tree Warden Antone Medeiros had requested the hearing to discuss the removal of five trees during the last week of March as part of the Neighborhood Block Grant. The discussion was halted, however, by Tree Warden candidate Carol Murchie, who pointed out that state law requires two consecutive weeks of advertising prior to a public hearing, and that Mr. Roth had only posted it once. The hearing will be advertised for two weeks before April 2nd.

Planning Board chair Wayne Hayward raised objections to administrative procedures relating to a proposed zoning bylaw amendment, questioning whether or not proposals generated by the planning board necessarily had to return to the planning board after selectboard action.

"We feel we've met the requirements of the law, and we want our article to go to special town warrant," said Mr. Hayward.

Dr. Bowcock disagreed with that interpretation of the law.

"I understand why the planning board wants to move in this direction, but town counsel has laid out the proper process and procedures," said Dr. Bowcock. "Lots of boards including this one have come under criticism for not following procedure properly, as we've just seen with the issue of the tree removal."

Whether or not the planning board felt that last step was unnecessary, it was nevertheless the required procedure, the selectboard stated.

John Rogers from the EMA came before the board with a request for 21 cots for emergency shelters to replace the WWII-era cots that the town recently sold at auction. The new cots would cost just over \$141 dollars for a box of three. The selectboard urged local service organizations and associations to consider purchasing a box of cots to donate to the EMA, pointing out that \$141 dollars would not be too difficult for a service group such as the Lions Club or a town improvement association to raise.

"We're looking for seven organizations to come forward to help purchase the cots," said selectboard member Charles K. Murphy.

In another matter, the board voted to accept Historical Restrictions in accordance with the state historical commission funding

agreements, and signed a \$1,371,872 dollar contract for HMFH for the new Wood School.

There was an extensive discussion on the actuarial variation report for the town, which dealt specifically with retirees and issues of medical expenses incurred for active employees.

"This is a federal mandate which is why we have to go through this exercise, but this is just a projection," explained Dr. Bowcock. "It's very difficult to know what healthcare costs will be 2 years, 5 years, 10 years down the road."

In other business, the board set a 4 p.m. March 30th deadline for articles for the May 5th Special Town Meeting warrant; and voted to accept the donation of two parcels of land, to be designated as conservation lands, from Francis McGuirk.

Mr. Murphy recused himself as the remaining board members approved a permit to hold a special memorial walk/run to honor the late Katie Brienzo.

The board accepted notices from the Assessors regarding the transfer of \$47,800 from overlay into surplus; from the BPW regarding the signing of a Brown and Caldwell amendment, not to exceed \$145,140; and the Council on Aging's acceptance of a new van from SRTA.♦♦♦

FinCom Tackles TM Articles

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Seven articles, three of which had spurred the Special Town Meeting in February, were reviewed by the Fairhaven Finance Committee at its March 15 meeting, but the petitioners were not present to discuss them when Chairperson John Roderiques called for public comment. Instead, the FinCom relied on a letter of opinion from Town Counsel Thomas Crotty to the Selectboard dated March 7, 2012, on articles #17, proposed Ethics Commission, #18, Impeachment, #20, 48-hour Public Meeting Minutes Access, and #21, proposed Elected Appeals Board.

Attorney Crotty's letter, distributed by Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch at the meeting, stated that the Ethics Commission was "within the Town's authority" but that it was overly broad and vague in its definitions. But since it would have financial implications, the FinCom could take a stance on it, Mr. Roderiques said. Likewise the article requiring access to public meeting minutes within 48 hours, including the ability to view government access videos, was within the Town's authority but the article's wording was unclear. The Impeachment and Elected Appeals Board articles were not within the Town's authority, according to Mr. Crotty.

After a brief discussion, the FinCom voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting not adopt any of the four articles. Although each article was reviewed, discussed and voted individually, the main reasons given for the vote on each was because the articles were not worded properly or were outside the authority of the Town.. Members Jennifer Bishop and Scott Fernandes were absent although Mr. Fernandes arrived later in the meeting.

The other three articles, #19 Term limits, #22 Recall of officials, and #23 Stopping the wind turbine construction, had already received Town Counsel's opinion prior to the February Special Town Meeting. The FinCom voted each article individually consistent with their vote of February 9. Term limits and recall of officials were voted unanimously as a "yield to petitioner" consistent with the FinCom's practice

for articles which do not have financial impacts.

Robert Espindola was present for #23, Stopping the wind turbine construction but did not speak on the matter. The FinCom voted to recommend that Town Meeting not adopt the article 7-2, with Members Lisa Plante and Theresa Szala opposed.

The letter also dealt with article #50, rescinding the easement at Cushman Park. Mr. Crotty wrote that a Town Meeting vote to rescind would be ineffectual whether or nor the property was dedicated parkland. The FinCom voted to yield to the petitioner by a 6-3 vote, with members Kim Hyland, Ronald Quinton, and Sidney Martin in opposition stating it should have been a vote to recommend.

Article 35, Mattapoissett River Valley Water Protection (MRVWP) proposed funding increase was discussed but not voted on. Mr.

No committee should be able to say "I'm borrowing money and if you don't like it you have to call Town Meeting to oppose it." [John Roderiques]

Roderiques said that the article had not changed since it was proposed and failed at Town Meeting by four votes in 2011. He also said that since then, he had read the Special Act giving authority to the MRVWP Board to raise funds through bond issuance. He said he was particularly disturbed by Section 5 of the Act as revised to 2010, which required a member town to oppose the bond by a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting within 45 days of the MRVWP Board bonding decision.

"No committee should be able to say 'I'm borrowing money and if you don't like it you have to call Town Meeting to oppose it.' This is wrong. This was absolutely wrong," said Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Osuch, who is the current chairperson of the MRVWP Board disagreed that it would ever come to that. The Act was revised, he said, to clear up language in a different section that gave the MRVWP the authority to borrow money but did

not specify a process.

"The committee since its inception has had the ability to borrow money," said Mr. Osuch. He said the reason the article was brought back to Town Meeting in the same form was because the other towns eligible to vote could not do so without Fairhaven voting in favor of it first. The FinCom postponed a vote until Mark Rasmussen, chairperson of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and a Fairhaven resident, could discuss it with them.

Article 27, Roadwork, was held in abeyance until the FinCom is closer to determining how much money may be available for it. However, the FinCom did vote unanimously (10-0) to recommend indefinite postponement for 27.B, improvements to Dogwood Street from Causeway Road to Gull Island Road. Similarly, the Sewer division's four articles totaling \$1.64 million from the Sewer Retained Earnings account were not discussed pending receipt of a priority list in the event that more funds are needed for the anaerobic digester.

However, the FinCom discussed the Water division's request for borrowing to fund the \$1.515 million repairs and improvements to the Boston Hill Water Tank.

"Where is the money going to come from?" asked Mr. Roderiques. "I don't see how we can avoid it."

Finance Director John Nunes told the committee that payments on a \$1.5 million loan at 3% would be \$150,000 principal and 3%. The first year's payment would be \$200,000.

The FinCom then voted 9-1, Mr. Fernandes in opposition, to recommend adoption of the article to borrow \$1.515 million for the Boston Hill Water Tank.

The Town was required to pay the assessment for \$17,288 in Article 7 for a Worker's Compensation settlement awarded against the Town's previous insurance cooperative, according to Mr. Roderiques. The FinCom voted to recommend adoption of the article 10-0. The FinCom also voted 10-0 to recommend adoption of the Water division's article (#16) for \$15,000 for a permitting consultant to comply with the State Water Management Act.

Article 30, improvements to the parking lot at the Recreation Center and Senior center, which would be

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“The Night of the Iguana” a must see

By Anne Fenton

Special to the Neighb News

How does a local, all volunteer community theater pack the house on a beautiful spring day? By utilizing some very talented local actors and an artistic production crew in Your Theatre's presentation of “The Night of the Iguana.”

Tennessee Williams' descriptive imagery and staging are evident from the opening scene when the audience is transported to a very steamy Mexico in the summer of 1940.

Under the leadership of Mark Fuller and his set construction crew of John Aumann, Stephanie Couto, Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., Lynette R. Houbre, Dave Masters, Kris O'Brien, and Tim Tucker, the mood is set and the scene is believable. Suzanne Bergeron adds to the atmosphere with period clothing, make-up and hairstyles.

The main characters have all escaped to the oceanfront Costa Verde Hotel on the west coast in Puerto Barrio, Mexico, to excise their personal demons each in his or her own way. Linda Monchik expertly

plays the sexy, recently widowed, hotel owner Maxine Faulk. Her charismatic interaction with Paul E. Kandarian as the Reverend T. Lawrence Shannon sets the pace for this powerful drama. Referred to as “Shannon,” the former reverend is a struggling recovering alcoholic who has fallen from grace in the Episcopal Church due to a sex scandal and who is now a low-budget Mexican bus tour guide in fear of losing his job.

Robin Richard's direction and Elena Murphy's stage management engage the audience throughout the performance with realistic lighting and sound effects, provided by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr., William C. Smith, and Stephanie Couto, and by utilizing the center isle of the studio allowing interludes for characters to interact among the unseen tour bus, shoreline, and the hotel terrace bringing various challenges to center stage.

The comedic German tourists Herr and Frau Fahrenkopf (Dennis J. Smith and Maurene Walker) relieve the emotional intensity of Maxine and Shannon's quest to find themselves

while Maxine's lackadaisical cabana boys Pancho (Kris O'Brien) and Pedro (Tyler Rowe) follow orders in Spanish to assist the hotel guests.

Miss Judith Fellowes (Valerie J. Reynolds), the dictatorial bus tour chaperon, frequently and intensely berates Shannon, who is supposed to be the director of their bus tour that has gone very, very wrong. The innocent but seductive Charlotte Goodall (Chantel Deane) is Miss Fellowes' underage niece who has had a brief “relationship” with Shannon during the last hotel stay.

The sweet banter between Hannah Jelkes (Danielle S.O. Gelehrter), a 40-year-old sketch artist from Nantucket, and her aging grandfather Nonno (Al Vitale), who claims to be the oldest living poet at 97 years young, provides brief respites from the intense dialog between Maxine and Shannon.

The show quickly moves along piquing the audience's interest as scenes develop between Shannon and the innocent Hannah much to the chagrin of the promiscuous Maxine.

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“We are elected not just to lead,” said Ms. McKenna, but to care about education and the safety and protection of our most “precious assets, our children.”

Colin Veitch, who lost his seat on the school committee last year said that we must “keep moving forward.”

He said he was proud of the foundation of the past and the work the committee did while he was a member.

“I was proud to be part of that team” said Mr. Veitch.

He said the last year, he was on the parent side and realized that not everyone knows how to get things done and he will bring that perspective to the committee.

He said he will put the tools in place to get the job done and get results.

“In the end everyone benefits... keep moving forward,” said Mr. Veitch.

Board of Health candidate Barbara Acksen told voters she grew up in Fairhaven, is a practicing psychologist, and has been in the healthcare field for 30 years.

She stressed that she has no conflict of interest and will encourage enforcing regulations evenly. She said she has the expertise to create regulations where they are needed.

She reminded people that she fought

against the BioSafe project and the sludge plant and said it was important that the BOH be “independent, transparent and accessible.”

“Everyone should feel they can come before the board and be heard,” said Ms. Acksen.

Lindsay Gordon is also running for Board of Health and stressed her experience in the healthcare field, now as executive director at Atria Assisted Living. She said she works with older generation, her generation and the next generation.

“Together we make up this great town,” said Ms. Gordon.

She said her job is already dealing with many of the issues that come before the board including food safety, nutrition, etc.

She said she will “advocate for the vital concerns of every neighborhood.”

“Together we can make Fairhaven the best it can be,” said Ms. Gordon.

For Board of Public Works, three people are running for two spots. Incumbent Steven Riley said people jokingly call him the “numbers guy” but “I take it as a compliment.”

He said he uses his professional experience and common sense to make decisions.

Richard Brodeur, who lost his seat on

the BPW two years ago stressed his seat on the board and his experience working for the state, his numerous certifications and his community work.

BPW incumbent Robert “Hoppy” Hobson did not attend.

In the other contested election for tree warden incumbent Antone Medeiros, Jr., stressed his 20 years as tree warden and his plans for the future.

He said he was born and raised in this “beautiful town we call home.”

He said he and his crew keep the trees trimmed and plant 25-35 new trees yearly.

“I'm proud of the job I've done to keep the town good, green and beautiful,” said Mr. Medeiros.

Challenger Carol Murchie stressed her “strong commitment to inclusive leadership.”

She said she would like to form a “citizens committee for trees” in town, and create programs to teach children about the health of the environment and the importance of trees as habitat for animals.

She said she would be sure to properly notify neighbors if trees were slated to be cut down.

“Communication is essential for me to do a fantastic job for you,” said Ms. Murchie.●●●



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is the time for a no-nonsense person like me, with over 25 years of experience in the financial industry, to help keep the Fairhaven Schools on a strong financial footing and make sure we spend every dime wisely. As a member of the School Committee I will:

- Encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's education
- Support high quality professional development for teachers.
- Advocate for strategies that promote a positive climate in our middle and high school
- Maintain a positive working relationship with Board members and the Superintendent
- Maintain open communication between the Board and the residents of Fairhaven

I have lived in Fairhaven all my life and feel strongly about dedicating my time to the School Committee and the residents of Fairhaven. I have two children, a daughter who is senior at Fairhaven High School and a son in 8th grade at Hastings Middle School.

I have worked in banking since 1986 and my experience and expertise in finance will be a valuable addition able to the school budget review process. I am open-minded and will listen to the voices and opinions of others, especially when it comes to the children in

our school system.

For over 15 years, I was a Junior Achievement instructor for all grades in the Fairhaven Schools. I enjoyed my work with all grade levels and became acquainted with the different educational programs that were offered by Junior Achievement.

Beginning in 1988, I have volunteered hundreds of hours in our Middle School, High School and elementary schools. My experience in working as a volunteer in the schools and my financial background has prepared me to serve on the school committee.

I served 3 years on School Council for Wood School and 2 years at Hastings Middle School. I have strategic planning skills which come into play for future improvements of our schools, and I am committed to doing everything I can to make our schools the best they can be and to make sure every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Currently I am volunteering weekly at the Hastings Middle School. When on the School Council at Hastings Middle School I helped develop a plan to organize parent volunteers.

I have volunteered and/or served on different committees, including: the United Way (allocations committee) which designated money to different charities as needed, the Boy Scout golf tournament committee, the New Bedford Child and Family Service, the Prince Henry Society Golf tournament, the New Bedford Board of Realtors and the North Bristol County Board of Realtors.

I want every teacher, parent, student and resident in Fairhaven to believe that our public school system offers the best possible education we can provide. With your help and support, I will be a strong voice for Fairhaven Public Schools and I hope I can count on your vote!

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funded in part by a \$13,970.44 transfer from a previous Recreation Center article, was also recommended for 9-1. Member Theodore "Ted" Silva opposed, maintaining that the funds from the previous article should be put in the general fund.

The FinCom voted unanimously to:

- Recommend for adoption Town Hall Repairs (#31) for \$7,500;
- Recommend adoption of Shellfish propagation (#33) for \$17,000;
- Recommend indefinite postponement due to lack of funds for Macomber Pimental Field fence (#36), and the Animal Control Officer van (#41).
- Recommend adoption the Article 3.B., the Town Clerk's salary of \$51,167 including the 1% raise for non-union Town employees.
- Recommend adoption of a \$500 increase in the Tree Warden's salary, Article 3.D., instead of the \$3,000 increase requested. Mr. Roderiques noted that a \$1,500 line item had been added to that department budget for gasoline reimbursement.♦♦♦

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Throughout the production Nonno, whose sight is failing, recites the same lines of the poem that he is working on over and over so he doesn't forget them. These lines are leading up to a dramatic surprise ending.

While the character portrayals develop, Shannon becomes more depressed with self-doubt and refuses to continue on with the bus tour until the demonstrative Jake Latta (Mark P. Fuller), a representative sent by the bus company, arrives to save the tour. Jake and the bus driver Hank, Fairhaven's own Ralph Kramden who is portrayed by Tony Oliva, wrestle Shannon for the bus key to allow the group of Baptist schoolteachers to continue on their Mexican adventure.

"The Night of the Iguana" is a must see for theater lovers. You still have a chance to see this intriguing drama to learn of the fate of the characters and the illusive Iguana...

The play will be performed one more weekend on March 22, 23, and 24 at 8:00 p.m. and March 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Your Theatre, Inc. located at 136 Rivet Street, New Bedford. Learn more about Your Theatre, Inc., at www.yourtheatre.org ♦♦♦

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/26, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/22, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/29, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 3/28, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Tues., 3/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 3/27, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/2, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 4/3, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/26, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Mon. 4/9, Acush Comm Ctr, 6:30 p

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Friday	23	0920	2132	0239*	1434*
Saturday	24	0956	2207	0314*	1509*
Sunday	25	1033	2241	0349*	1546*
Monday	26	1110	2317	0424	1622
Tuesday	27	1150	2355	0501	1700
Wednesday	28	----	1233	0539	1741
Thursday	29	0038	1320	0624	1828
Friday	30	0127	1412	0724	1929
Saturday	31	0222	1510	0851	2046

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Letters from our readers

HMS cruise financial help

I would like to inform Hasting Middle School 8th grade parents that financial assistance is available for the dinner cruise aboard the Odyssey.

Both Mr. Miller and Mrs. Dorgan have informed me that "no student will be turned away for financial reasons".

I do not know why this information was omitted from the recent notice which was sent home. But I heartily encourage everyone who needs assistance, to inquire with the school.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Gordon will make "positive difference"

I am writing to you in regards to Lindsay Gordon who is running for the Board of Health. I met Lindsay through working with her at the Council on Aging here in Fairhaven. Lindsay joined our board about a year ago and became our secretary right away. Lindsay soon became our vice chair on the board as we soon recognized what an asset she was to our board.

In working with Lindsay I see that she is a kind, reasonable and fair person who is always willing to listen. These qualities make her the type of person that I would want on the Board of Health who would be able to help the citizens of this town. It is so important to be heard and to feel that your opinion matters.

Lindsay has worked with seniors for over 16 years and in speaking with her you know that she has a passion for their health and wellbeing. She is very committed to her work and her desire to serve people. Lindsay seems to have a strong commitment for whatever she puts her mind to and I know that by her being elected to the Board of Health that this passion will continue.

I know that Lindsay will continue to make a positive difference in our lives by being elected to the Board of Health. She has my vote and I hope that you will join me on April 2nd in voting for Lindsay.

Gerri Frates, Fairhaven

DeSousa hard working and motivated

On April 2nd, Fairhaven voters have the opportunity to elect a leader that will work towards a positive future. I have lived my entire life in Fairhaven and raised my children

here as well. The upcoming election for Selectman is crucial. That is why I'm supporting Jaime DeSousa for Selectman. Jaime is a family man and has high moral values. His leadership presence can be defined as hard working and motivated, and takes the initiative to get things done. Jaime's reputation amongst his peers speaks volumes. I have the utmost confidence he will represent all residents equally. The only qualified person in my opinion, to represent us as Selectman, is Jaime DeSousa.

Sonny Eddleston, Fairhaven

Messier has what it takes

Having had the honor of serving the best town in the United States as Selectman for six years, I learned a lot about politics, people, and life. The political climate when I was elected in 1992 was similar to that of today. Five candidates ran then and four candidates now. Our residents had lost faith and confidence in our town government and looked to take back control.

A successful Selectman must have several key traits, among many. First, it has to be the job he will be dedicated to and passionate about. A substantial amount of time is required to do the job properly and effectively. It may be a "part-time" position, but it requires full-time commitment. Any candidate who plans this as a temporary stop for higher office does not belong running for Selectman. Make no mistake, his effectiveness will suffer.

Second, he must be a strong, independent voice for the silent majority. We do have our political people and groups who seem to be invested heavily in the outcome of each election with candidate A or B. As such, those candidates will not be as independent as even the candidates would like to believe. They'll talk about it during the campaign and probably believe it, but it will be a different reality. We've seen it too many times.

Third, he must have experience. Being an effective Selectman is about more than just one issue. One of the many reasons I enjoyed being Selectman was the diversity of issues I'd encounter. You'd spend a substantial amount of time on budgets. Then, you'd have an environmental issue. Or, an employment issue would arise. The

topics are endless. The candidate must have the ability to manage through all issues without bias.

Finally, he must be willing to make every decision in the best interests of the residents of the Town by working with people for a common objective. It is essential to being the type of leader Fairhaven residents deserve. But it cannot be accomplished when you owe political faction X or Y for campaign contributions or machinery that helped get you elected.

All of these fine candidates have some of these traits. Only one candidate has all of them — Jeff Messier. He entered this race to make a difference and is passionate about making our government work more effectively. He wants to implement a charter commission for a top to bottom review of town government. Jeff was also the first candidate to propose a "Neighbors for Neighbors" policy to achieve some sort of compensation for those who bear the burden of special town projects.

Jeff Messier will draw on his experience as a Fairhaven business owner and former Finance Committee Chairman, among many other executive and leadership positions. He cares deeply about this town and is as independent as anyone I know. As a result, he will make an excellent Selectman. Please join me in supporting Jeff Messier on April 2nd.

John T Haaland, Former Fairhaven Selectman, 1992-1998

Silvia endorses Washko

A couple of months ago, as reported in the press, I, after serving the Town of Fairhaven for twelve years as Selectman, decided not to seek re-election to that office. There were a number of reasons that brought me to this decision, but the greatest ones were personal in nature: an aging mother who will need more of my time and attention, my wife's recent decision to retire from her job which will give me the opportunity to spend more of the coming years with the woman I love.

However, there is another reason, less personal but I think still important, that has made me comfortable with my decision to step aside: the appearance on the political and civic scene in Fairhaven of younger people who, while balancing the demands of both work and raising

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small children, are willing to take on the burdens and responsibilities of town government. One of these new leaders is Phil Washko, candidate for Selectman.

I have known Phil for only a short time, but I have been impressed with his intellect and abilities. He is a quick study when it comes to understanding the complex budget and legal issues facing our Town. But as I have found out in my twelve years as Selectman, there are qualities other than a knowledge of the issues that are just as important. How one conducts oneself as Selectman, and the way a Selectman treats his or her fellow citizens are equally crucial.

Phil Washko is not only a good listener but is also an individual who has a sincere respect for the opinions and feelings of those around him. Temperament has been defined as the combination of mental and emotional qualities that make up a person's character. Phil Washko has a first rate temperament. Phil Washko has the right temperament for being a Fairhaven Selectman.

I give the people of Fairhaven my warmest thanks for allowing me to serve you all these years, and I leave with one humble request. Please vote for Phil Washko for Selectman.

With thanks, Michael Silvia

Acksen has the integrity, objectivity and intelligence

I would like to appeal to the voters in the Town of Fairhaven to support Dr. Barbara Acksen in her run for the Fairhaven Board of Health by casting your vote for her on Monday, April 2, 2012. As it now stands the Board of Health has 2 out of 3 members who are in a conflict of interest with the town. Jeannine Lopes is an employee of Selectman Brian Bowcock, working as his secretary in his chiropractic office in Fairhaven. She also rents her home from him.

Peter DeTerra, chairman of the Board of Health, is also chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairing more than one board at a time has been a controversial issue in Fairhaven for many years. Chairman of two boards, Peter DeTerra also runs a business installing and inspecting septic systems in this town. It sounds like the fox is watching the chickens.

Dr. Barbara Acksen has the

integrity, objectivity and intelligence to be a voice of reason on the very important board. She has a PhD in clinical psychology and has been a practicing clinician for 30 years. Dr. Acksen has been active and vocal on issues such as BioSafe, the town dump debacle, and she volunteered her time cleaning birds after the Bouchard oil spill off of West Island.

Along with others, she lobbied the EPA for the cleanup of the Atlas Tack Superfund site. She was instrumental in stopping Netco and its two versions of sludge plants, one fueled by demolition debris and the last sludge plant incarnation, Enron/Azurix, a sludge drying facility plagued with problems and large enough to serve a population of 250,000.

The health and safety of the citizens of Fairhaven is on the line. Please vote to improve town government. Vote for Dr. Barbara Acksen on Monday, April 2, 2012.

Lorraine Matheson, Fairhaven

Gordon is mom, town servant, great wife

I have been paying a lot more attention to the newspaper over the last few months. The main reason for this is that my wife, Lindsay Gordon, is running for the board of health. I have been seeing letters to the editor regarding a number of the candidates and thought to myself who better to write one regarding Lindsay Gordon than me. I probably know her better than most and I know why she wants to run. Then I thought who would believe me? Well, I decided to write it, but not as her husband. I decided to write it as a citizen of our fine town who knows this candidate well, her motives and her passion for serving.

When I got home from work one night Lindsay told me that she was going to run for the board of health. I asked her why but I already knew the answer. Lindsay has been serving on the board of the senior center as the vice-chair and secretary. She is also on the personnel board in town. Lindsay is and has always been passionate about people and in particular seniors throughout her career.

She fell in love with our town and I knew that it was just a matter of time before she decided that she wanted to help and serve our town further.

This is a way for her to do that in an area that fits her skill set so well. She has been in health care for 16 years and is the Executive Director of Atria Fairhaven which is the assisted living community in town. She told me that she wants to do more. She wants to be a voice for those who are often not heard. She wants to champion the wellbeing of the senior population, the children and everyone that falls in between. She wants to make sure that the decisions which are made for our town are the right ones not only for today and our families but are the right ones for our children and their families.

I can assure you that Lindsay Gordon is running for the Board of Health because she wants to make sure that we are safe, healthy and educated on the issues so we can make the right decisions. She is a mom, a town servant and a great wife. (I needed to make sure I added that last part.)

I hope that everyone in town gets to know the candidates that are running for office. It is so important that we elect the right people to steer our community as we embark on the next 200 years. I hope everyone votes this April 2nd because every vote counts.

Warmest Regards, Rich Gordon, Fairhaven

Try to picture turbines in your neighborhood

While it is easy for a by-stander to view this whole thing lightly, like the majority of the town is doing who don't need to worry about any impacts or don't believe the potential exists, I ask you to please stop and think for a while and seriously consider how you would feel if the turbines were actually going up near your home. Try to picture their imposition on your life: the constant distraction of seeing the giant blades spinning every minute you spend outside your home, hearing them most of the time day or night, and having trouble sleeping when they are loud. Picture this being inflicted on you with no choice in the matter, and being locked into it because you probably couldn't sell your house if you wanted to. Also try to imagine how it feels to have the rest of the town, with the exception of a few, not

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caring at all about your fear that your happiness could be turned upside down, and probably won't care if it does happen because it's not happening to them.

I live about half a mile away from the site and hope, with fingers crossed, that I will be only minimally affected in certain wind directions, but I feel deeply for those less fortunate who will be much closer to them. It really bothers me that so many people are too cold to share the same compassion for others — it is a demerit to the human race. Ignorance can be forgiven, but not selfishness. Most people who are cheering on the turbines, while hoping to see some benefit for themselves, would, without question, be cheering a different tune if the turbines were being put up near their homes — and they know it. This, I am certain of.

When I arrived at the blade signing, I looked around and noticed far more luxury s.u.v.'s and sport trucks than fuel efficient vehicles parked for the event, while people talked to reporters about "how much we need

to conserve and look for alternatives" (S.T. 3/11, p-B1). Am I out of line in saying that at least some of these people are hypocrites?

This town has been tragically divided. Though a small group are the most active, there are hundreds of people opposed to the project, contrary to what Mr. Bowcock would like you to believe. Whether it gets better or worse, I guess is up to the turbines themselves. Personally, I am trying hard to keep an open mind for my own sake, so that if I am bothered by them, I'll know it is for real. If the turbines don't affect anybody, I have nothing against them being there. If they do affect nearby people, there is a fair chance it will be many people — possibly enough to cause them to be stopped and brought down. This is a risk the selectmen and the developers took when they put them too close to a community. If this all turns out to be a disaster, it will clearly be their fault, not ours. I can only hope the town's people would see that and throw the blame in the right direction, rather than strengthening the divide and adding

to the damage themselves by blaming the innocent.

Scott Durant, Fairhaven

Washko's words prove he doesn't care

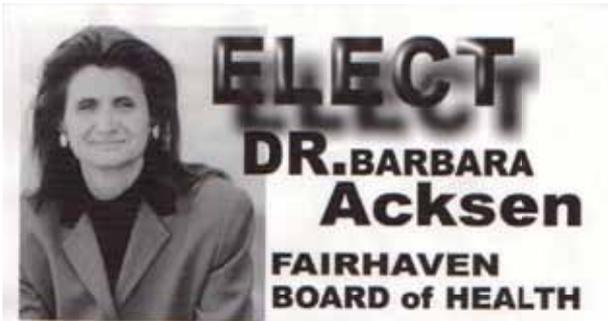
I am a resident of the John Street neighborhood and have been following the turbine activity closely, as well as the up coming election.

I just watched the video from the blade signing and was appalled by what Phil Washko said. He said and I quote, "I definitely sympathize with folks that are going to be nearer in proximity to these....I have sympathy for those folks... um....but overall I think it is good."

Just exactly what is he running for? He obviously doesn't care about the people. Good for the town, maybe, but this town wouldn't be a town without its people.

I am endorsing Bob Espindola, who truly cares about this town and the people. I am sure I would never hear a contradictory statement, as stated by Phil Washko, come from the mouth of Mr. Espindola.

Kathy Starr, Fairhaven



I will:

- * Enforce regulations designed to protect the public's health
- * Educate the public about health and safety issues
- * Work to keep the Board independent, accessible & transparent
- * Advocate for the vital concerns of every neighborhood
- * Provide careful study of the health impacts of any project proposed for the town
- * Provide a respectful forum for citizens & businesses who come before the Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- * Health Care Professional , 30 years' experience
- * Ph.D. Clinical Psychology
- * Practitioner - Administrator - Professor - Researcher

"My background in clinical, administrative, and research aspects of health care gives me the skills and experience necessary to consider the various health needs of the town and make this information available to you the voter."

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Bob Espindola

My name is Bob Espindola and I am running for Selectman in Fairhaven because I believe I can make some positive changes in this town.

My wife Ann & I both grew up in Fairhaven and attended Public Schools through High School. We have been married for twenty-five years and we decided to raise our four

children in Fairhaven because this is a great place to live.

My education and my twenty-six years of professional experience as an engineer have taught me how to solve difficult problems and I would like to put that experience to work for the town. I have demonstrated leadership in volunteer organizations like the Fairhaven Little League, CYO basketball, St. Joseph's Parish Council, and the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

I would look to make the following changes:

- Improve management of documents, data, and agendas. Ensure that all new documents are held in electronic form and improve file storage, access and distribution of files in an effort to make Fairhaven as paperless as possible. This will increase efficiency, offer accessibility to more people and protect our environment while saving the town money.
- Establish a clear set of policies and procedures that govern how projects move forward, when contracts are signed, etc. Generate a checklist or flow chart that would ensure that every appropriate review has taken place (i.e. Board of Health, Finance Committee, conservation, etc.) before any contract is signed, or any project is moved forward. I would establish a protocol for accountability that requires the chairman of every board, committee or department to either sign off to indicate the appropriate review has been completed or sign off to indicate that their review is not required. With these checks and balances in place, the health, safety and financial interests of all people in town will be considered with every decision that has potential to impact them.
- Work with other committees to establish long range forecasting to help voters make informed decisions about how their vote is likely to play out in the long run.
- Encourage all people in town to engage the Selectman on issues that are important to them. Feeling the pulse of the town is important and I would work to set up an open, electronic message board so that people could easily get their messages and ideas through to the Select Board.
- Reach out to people in town and ask them to become more involved. As a volunteer member of the Sustainability Committee in Fairhaven for the past three years I have seen firsthand what a group of dedicated volunteers can do and it is powerful. I believe that there are many talented and creative people in Fairhaven who can do some great things with the right type of leadership to get them going.
- Study all town Finances and find at least one significant improvement during my term.



Jaime DeSousa

This election will bring a new era in Fairhaven for all our neighborhoods. We can be a town that works together for the betterment of all. We are all in this together, and this town needs to offer a positive vision that will make a footprint that will last decades into the future. A future that will ensure our children and grandchildren

will enjoy this great town as we all are today. We need to act on that vision. We can be prosperous, sustainable, and fair. But it's going to take all of us working together.

One of the first things we have to do is restore trust and work towards closing the gap that is dividing this town. As residents and elected officials we have the moral obligation to see that every decision we make today, will be the best for Fairhaven's future. We will not achieve these results by bickering or being disrespectful to each other. We are all human, we all make mistakes, but we need to move on and embrace a prosperous future. We cannot be successful if we are equally divided, we cannot be united if we continue to work as individuals.

If elected, I will meet with all department heads and town executives within the first two weeks of being elected. I not only want to express some of my concerns and ideas, but want to hear their concerns and ideas as well. Fairhaven is ready to move forward, but it will require a leader who can introduce new ideas and stay focused on critical issues.

My Vision:

Leadership: I believe that leadership begins with service and ends with accountability. I pledge to serve the residents of Fairhaven with integrity; by first listening to the needs and concerns of my constituents, then making the tough decisions that will serve the best interests of the town in the long term.

Office hours: I will hold monthly office hours to discuss constituent services, and to listen and talk about any issue that residents may have.

Technology: Jaime will work to get the town computer system updated and start utilizing technology to make town information and services available online. When residents have the ability to access paperwork and perform certain business online, it will cut overall town costs.

Reforming Town Government: Our town by-laws are outdated and we need to restructure and reform town government. I will propose that a Charter Review Commission be formed to start the process of reviewing the Town's by-laws and operational procedures. We may find some laws to be no longer relevant and non-compliant with MA General Laws. Any amendments must be approved by a majority vote by Town voters. The process is a lengthy one, but it is much needed. Once completed, we would have a Charter that would outline the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary and town boards. It will detail every aspect of town government.

More information can be found at www.jaimedesousa.com

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Jeffrey Messier

Hello my name is Jeffrey A. Messier and I am running for the office of Selectman. I have lived in Fairhaven for the past 24 years originally born and raised in New Bedford. Twenty of those years I have been a Town Meeting member. I have served on the Finance Committee from 1995-2005, and was elected Chairman by the

committee for five years.

I have been in the private sector as a business owner for the past 30 years, and weathered 3 recessions.

I have volunteered my time to the following local and out of state organizations.

I was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Reservation Golf Club in the 90's, Board of director for the Sea Crest Condo Association of Broward County as the Secretary/Treasurer that took over after the Association was in violation of financial state reporting, I was instrumental in clearing all violations and established a 7 member condo association board with a management firm to handle the day to day operation of the Association.

Served at the Country Club of New Bedford (CCNB) in the capacity of the Finance Committee member 4 years, named to the board of directors (as a director and Chairman of the Finance Committee, then Treasurer/Secretary), which culminated in being nominated with the honor to serve as the President of the club. This was a ten year process that included the undertaking of remodeling a 100 year old building, making it ADA accessible while keeping the tradition and aesthetics of the history of the club preserved.

I served on the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Building committee for their recent 22 million dollar expansion. As a committee we collectively brought that project under budget allowing funds to be free to purchase additional school objectives that resulted in savings to the regional members, one being the Town of Fairhaven.

With these experiences and the fact that I did serve on the Finance Committee for 10 years I feel that I have the necessary experience for the position of Selectman.

Fairhaven is facing multiple complex issues, the most important one is the financial impact that our current economy has on the day-to-day operation of the Town Services and Departments. With my past experience as the Finance Chairman and Business owner I am immediately prepared to meet those challenges.

We face a crisis of confidence in government at all levels. I will help change the confidence level in our town government. My style is to listen, collaborate, and make positive change. This approach, combined with strong leadership and experience, will help you be proud of the Fairhaven government and our decisions.

In closing, I ask for your support and vote on April 2nd for an open and experienced selectman.

Sincerely
Jeffrey A Messier



Phil Washko

I am Phil Washko, a Fairhaven resident of 11 years, an active Town Meeting member, husband to Denise and proud father of a son and a daughter (Jess 8 and Eva 5). I ask for your support to allow me to serve as Selectman because I have a genuine desire to contribute to the welfare of this town and I am driven to

serve my community with all the integrity, hard work and dedication I am known for exhibiting. In Fairhaven we are fortunate to live in a diverse and friendly community with a history of strong and dedicated government leadership. I look to contribute my professional experience, unique skillset and passion to continue this positive direction. I also look forward to adding a fresh perspective and new ideas to improve the way town government communicates and collaborates with itself and the community.

I have an established 23-year career in the management of information and technology systems in the real estate, property management and development industries. I have managed budgets in excess of \$1MM, successfully negotiated contracts and built successful partnerships with vendors, and managed diverse teams and large scale projects to achieve successful outcomes. Across all areas of my professional, civic and personal life I am known as a natural leader, an effective communicator and an experienced collaborator. Having served as Chairman of the YES for Fairhaven advocacy group, I have a keen sense of what it takes to bring people together and move forward in the right direction. I believe positive change is best achieved by recognizing and maintaining what works while bringing new and innovative ideas and approaches to resolve what doesn't.

Fairhaven faces significant challenges now and in the coming years. Maintaining fiscal responsibility is a must, and that is achieved by finding and maximizing every source of revenue while maintaining strict control over spending; thus minimizing everyone's tax burden. Attracting new revenue via tourism and otherwise, and reviewing all potential sources of grants combined with careful reviews of all budgets can guarantee that every penny of your hard earned taxes are being put to the best use possible.

I have a deep respect for all elected and appointed officials and the public service they provide. The role of Selectman, as with other positions, requires careful analysis of information, making difficult decisions and managing complex workloads with little compensation. While these responsibilities have not changed, new tools and strategies for managing information and communication have emerged and should be implemented. Increased collaboration between boards and committees and more effective, efficient communication within government and between government and those they serve can lead to a renewed spirit of unity in our community.

While the job of Selectman can be about working with dollars, budgets, laws and schedules, ultimately it is about working with people: those you work with to produce positive results, and those you serve for whom those results are meant to benefit. I respectfully ask for your vote for Selectman on Monday April 2nd. Thank you.

JAIME DESOUSA

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"Jaime DeSousa is the right man for the job. DeSousa will bring a Strong Independent Voice to Town Government. DeSousa is a Leader we need, who will build trust and get Fairhaven moving forward." Victor Oliveira Jr.

Victor Oliveira Jr. is a World War II Veteran and served in Fairhaven Town Government for 42 years on various boards.

Jaime is an Active LEADER

★ **Planning Board Member**
(Term expires April 2, 2012)

★ **Town Meeting Member**

★ **Chairman of St. Lukes Business Council**

The business council is comprised of business leaders of companies and organizations that share a common goal of supporting a mission to care for and improve the health and wellness of the individuals and communities served.

★ **Business Executive**

Oversees a staff of project managers and superintendents, and is essential in his business development role which brings in new clients, contributing to the overall growth of his company.

★ **Organizations**

- Fairhaven Improvement Association
- New Bedford Chamber of Commerce
- Fall River Chamber of Commerce
- American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE)
- International Facility Management Association (IFMA-Boston Chapter)

Jaime is a LEADER



"Jaime is a take-charge person who is capable of presenting new ideas and communicating the benefits.

Our company has succeeded under his leadership. Jaime is very dedicated, capable to tackle assignments and has a pleasant personality."

Talman Bigelow
President, Bigelow & Fleming

The DeSousa Family



Jaime and his wife Teresa have been together for 18 years and are proud parents of three boys; Justin 13, Jadin 8 and Jacob 3.

Teresa works in the healthcare field and cares for elderly people with Alzheimer's in Fairhaven. Jaime's two oldest boys attend Fairhaven public schools and the youngest will be entering Pre-K this year.



Vote Monday, April 2nd

→ Jaime C. DeSousa Jr. for Selectman

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Jaime C. DeSousa

Legal Notices/Public Hearings

FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on April 2, 2012 at 6:45 pm for the removal of five (5) street trees on Spring Street, between Green and Main Street(s). The removal is necessary for the Spring Street Road Construction Project. Per MGL the Tree Warden posted the five trees on March 5, 2012. For more information, call the Selectmen's Office at (508) 979-4023.

Michael Silvia, Chairman Board of Selectmen

FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen will conduct two Public Hearings on April 2, 2012, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following:

1) 7:00 p.m. — River Avenue — Street Discontinuance: NYE Lubricants, Inc., is requesting that the entire length, approximately 260 feet, of "River Avenue" north of Howland Road, as shown on Assessor's Map 19, be discontinued. The

location of the street is between Lot 100 and Lot 243B, Map 19.

2) 7:05 p.m. — Mill Rd & Bridge St — Street Acceptance: It is the intention of the Selectmen to accept additional Right-of-Way along Mill Road and Bridge Street, shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Alteration of Mill Road and Bridge Street, Fairhaven Massachusetts, Field Engineering Co., Inc., Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, Scale 1"=80', Date: January 19, 2012."

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Selectmen's 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 Selectmen's Office at (508) 979-4023.

Michael Silvia, Chairman Board of Selectmen

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012**, in the East Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 40 Center

Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following 1) To amend Fairhaven Zoning By-Law Section 198-29.5 Wind Energy Facilities D. Design Standards (8) and (9).

The current design standards are available for inspection in our 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 applications call the Planning Department at 508-979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

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I live in North Fairhaven with my husband Richard and my son Ryan.

As your candidate, I want to make a positive difference on your quality of life. I will work hard to do my part to keep our community safe for you, your family and mine. This is a great town, a wonderful community and together we can continue to make Fairhaven a great place to live and work.

I have worked in healthcare for the past 15 years and I am the Executive Director of Atria Fairhaven, a senior living community, in our town. I currently serve as the Vice-Chair & Secretary on the board of directors for the Fairhaven Council on Aging. I also serve on the Fairhaven Personnel Board.

I respectfully ask you for your vote.

Paid for by the committee to elect Lindsay Gordon

On Monday April 2nd



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GORDON

BOARD OF HEALTH

Planning explores change to turbine bylaw; budget cut by 30%

by Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Planning Board discussed the bylaw regulating height and siting restrictions for industrial wind turbines at its March 13 meeting. The board will hold a public hearing on April 3 to further discuss the issue.

The current bylaw states that setbacks should be no less than a distance equal to the overall height of the turbine from the base to the tip of the blade. Also, no turbines should be taller than 350 feet from the base to the top of the hub.

"I don't think anyone wants a 525-foot structure 525 feet away from their house," said Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward.

He made it clear that he was not proposing anything that the current turbines did not comply with. Mr. Hayward said he wanted to set a public hearing giving the board enough time to submit a revised bylaw to town meeting.

"You do not have enough time to do what you want," town planner Bill Roth told Mr. Hayward, referring to the Mass General Law that states changing zoning ordinances must be submitted to the Selectboard for 14 days then resubmitted to the planning board for review before it is brought to town meeting.

This would make a revised bylaw due to the Selectboard on April 5 and gives the planning board little time to make a decision before town meeting. Mr. Roth said that though the planning board has never followed this law before, the Selectboard will want to follow it exactly due to the current lawsuit.

"We're supposed to operate together as one town," said Mr. Hayward, adding that he was unsure why an article should take 14 days to move from one office to another.

"I do not feel comfortable that we have to do this so quickly," said board member Rene Fleurent.

The two went back and forth a little with Mr. Fleurent saying we wanted to stop further projects until the bylaws are changed.

"Let's do this right," he said.

"I don't see how this is moving too fast," responded Mr. Hayward.

He said that with one public hearing the board could protect the town for the next 12 months, and that if they could not revise the bylaw in

flicker, maintenance and emergency response. "A 16 dba noise limit is stunningly generous."

"One thing that's going to happen is there will be a change in attitude towards wind power in Fairhaven," said Kurt Tramosch, a public health planner from Wayland, MA.

He told the board that the Duxbury planning board has tightened their already tight bylaws.

In another matter, Mr. Hayward announced that the Selectboard will cut the planning board budget by 30%, a budget close to one the board had 23 years ago.

"I take this personally," said Mr. Hayward. "We don't spend money foolishly here."

The board will receive \$6,000 less with the new budget and would likely have to cut their recording secretary, Jim Pelland.

Mr. Hayward said that as an elected board, "We should be allowed to work independently," and the taxpayers should feel the same.

"When times are good, they cut our budget. When times are bad, they really cut our budget," said Mr. Hayward

"This board needs to stand up and not be cut," said board member Jaime DeSousa.

Mr. Hayward said that every time the board tries to fight at the finance committee they have been ruled out of order.

Mr. Fleurent said the problem is that people in town do not know what the planning board does.

"If this membership decided to withhold its services for one year, the town would know what we do," said Mr. Hayward.

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time, the board could set a zoning freeze.

Documents pertaining to height only can be submitted to Mr. Roth's office from now until March 28. Documents will be added to a packet for the public hearing.

Resident Louise Barteau told the board that many towns set their bylaws before turbines went up.

"Should we also be thinking of some longer [term] issues," asked Ms. Barteau, such as noise, shadow

Key passes on for care of flag on the Main Street overpass



On 2/25/2012 Bob Cormier passed on the key and total responsibility of the Charles F. Albaugh Memorial Project to Roland Lavallee. Roland is a United States Marine and a former Fairhaven Police Officer. He also was the Veteran's Agent for the Town of Acushnet. Roland is currently employed at CCI in Fairhaven. Bob clearly states that he picked Roland because he wants to keep the integrity of what the site was meant to represent. Roland has full control of the site to honor a fallen Marine in his raising of the highest level of patriotism in Southeastern Massachusetts after 9/11 as quoted by Congressmassman Edward Kennedy in a beautiful letter in Gold Leaf to his widow. Roland has clearly stated that he is both proud and honored to take on this responsibility. No one will intimidate him to dismiss the intent of the Charles F. Albaugh Memorial Flagpole, and it will fly forever in his memory. So noted, as recorded, by Roland Lavallee U.S.M.C. Submitted photo.

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Bob Espindola for Selectman

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Personal:

- Raised in Fairhaven – one of 10 children.
- Attended Fairhaven Public Schools.
- Married to wife, Ann (25 years).
- Demonstrated leadership in volunteer organizations like the Fairhaven Little League (Fairhaven Man of the Year in 2006), CYO basketball, St. Joseph's Parish Council, and the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.
- BS in Marine Engineering from Mass. Maritime Academy — 1985.
- MS in Facilities Management, Mass. Maritime Academy — 2006.
- Twenty- six years professional experience as an engineer for Exxon, Raytheon and the Acushnet Company.

Project Experience:

- \$600 million Petrochemical Projects (Part of Large Engineering Team)
- \$15 Million facility expansion projects (part of 3-member team)
- \$300-500,000 — Sole responsibility for Engineering, Design, Project MGT and Construction Supervision
- Experience in budgeting, forecasting, trending, procurement strategies (energy), energy conservation projects, energy credits, evaluating bids, and negotiating contracts.
- Developed energy conservation projects and programs that have resulted in millions of dollars worth of energy savings



Platform: Open, Honest and Fair Government

- Engage the community through an open, electronic bulletin board.
- Improve electronic filing to increase efficiency, lower costs, help the environment and allow for easier accessibility of all files and forms.
- Encourage more volunteer efforts on special committees.
- Establish written policies and procedures to ensure all boards and committees are included in key decisions that could impact the health, safety or financial status of the people. Include check lists and flow charts and signature sheets to be certain that no step is ever overlooked.
- Build a financial forecasting model that will allow the various departments and town voters to understand the long range impact of their present day decisions.
- Propose at least one cost savings measure of significance during my term.



Together, we can make Fairhaven a truly Green Community. Bylaws and zoning should establish a proper balance between Environmental, Economic, and Social Responsibility.

- Engage the community.
- Initiate Sustainability in Master planning
- Work to make all public buildings as efficient as possible.
- Develop programs to increase recycling, conservation and community gardening, etc.
- Create bicycle lanes, signage and access areas to promote more use of our bicycle path.

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