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

Town Meeting decides



Fairhaven town moderator Mark Sylvia addresses Town Meeting members on Saturday, 5/5 at the Hastings Middle School. Fairhaven approved more than \$50 million in spending between the special town meeting and the annual town meeting. Most of the controversial wind turbine articles were withdrawn and not debated. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh, no, here we go again. It's time to get this baby GONE...GONE to the printer. GONE.

But...not yet. Need to fill in my rambling space.

First and foremost: I LOVE big truck day. I love it. See page 6 for details. The BPW will pull out all its big machines and put them in the parking lot at the Rec Center for kids of all ages to climb aboard, sit in the driver's seat and honk the big horns.

I LOVE Big Truck Day.

Did you see that moon the other night? People were stopped on Sconticut Neck road taking pictures. A couple of people had tripods out on and near West Island to get a good picture of it. It was spectacular. The night sky was crystal clear, but scattered faraway clouds stayed put while the moon rose behind them creating the most artistic sight.

I didn't have my camera, but even if I did, I admit, I'm not much at night photography. I'll just have to hold that one in my mind's eye.

The big food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, is this Saturday. See page 6 for that, too. This one is easy, folks. All you do is leave non perishables near your mailbox and your letter carrier will do the rest.

Special thanks to Brady Iddon, the 7-year-old who took some great pictures of the Blessing of the Bikes for us. We had "issues" this Sunday and just didn't get there. Brady is Jack Iddon's grandson, so, it's no wonder the pictures he took are great. Must be genetic!

Okay, left out: wind turbine update. They are spinning. It took me an extra hour to do my usual bike ride on Sunday because so many people were on the bike path taking pictures of the WTs or just watching them spin. The fence wasn't up yet, so you could walk right up to them and put your hands on them. They don't vibrate as much as the one in Charlestown. I could feel a rumble there, but that one had a crawl space under the floor. Ours are right smack dab on top of that concrete.

The do make noise, though, yes they do. You'll have to go for yourself, though, to decide if it's a "bothersome" noise, as one Windwise member called it, or a "soothing" noise as a person on the bike path called it, or just plain "fascinating," as another bike path user said.

I mean, really, folks. Even if you hate these things, can you at least concede that there's something fascinating about those spinning behemoths creating electricity, right there on Arsene Street? Electricity! Real electricity: that unexplainable entity that makes so much of our world possible. Well, I, at least can't explain it.

Until next week then.

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing this week. Really? Cool.

Riverside Cemetery Tours starting up again for season

Press Release

Fairhaven's lovely Riverside Cemetery is the setting of an Office of Tourism walking tour on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. It begins inside the cemetery's entrance at 274 Main Street. Fairhaven tourism director Christopher Richard will act as guide.

The cemetery was created in 1850, on land donated by Warren Delano II, grandfather of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is considered one of the most beautiful rural-style burial grounds in the region.

The walking tour route traces the quiet winding paths past the final resting places of some of the town's most famous residents, including the Delano family tomb designed by Richard Morris Hunt, the H.H. Rogers mausoleum designed by Charles Brigham, and the grave sites of Captain William H. Whitfield, artist William Bradford, William F. Nye, John I. Bryant, and others. At each site, the guide discusses some of the history connected with the people buried there.

Nature lovers will see a wide variety of trees such as beech, black

tupelo, birch, holly, cherry, dogwood, weeping willow, ash, sugar maple and more. Those interested in tombstone art will find fine examples of monuments and early slate markers bearing carvings of angels, willow trees, urns and other traditional symbols.

Copies of the new 8-page Riverside Cemetery booklet created this year by the Office of Tourism will be available for free to all walkers.

The tour is free of charge and lasts about 90 minutes. There is no need for advance reservations. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to be prepared for

some hills and uneven ground. The tour will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email Fairhaventours@aol.com

Food Needed

See page 6 for info on the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive this Saturday

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289).



The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.

The Pantry spends more than \$6,000 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 100 families each week.

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ConCom still struggling with Bella Vista wetlands violations

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission continued to work with Bella Vista Island owners Haiem Alsawalhi and Anwar Faisal toward a viable restoration plan at the 5/7 ConCom meeting. The commission still has not approved any plan put forward by Mr. Faisal's "team" of specialists and legal counsel.

ConCom consultant Lenore White of Wetland Strategies called the latest plan "illogical," and "non-sensical." Chairperson Andrew Jones said that the commission could not possibly vote for such an "open-ended" plan.

"We did this whole island a favor," stated wetlands specialist Brandon Faneuf, regarding Mr. Faisal's plan to allow the uninhibited growth of vegetation that he removed, excluding periodic mowing of what Engineer Rich Rheume referred to as "non-invasives and undesirables."

Mr. Rheume told the commission that there has been "robust growth" on the "disturbed areas" of the island, and was hoping for approval of a plan that would allow the non-invasive native plants to thrive while eradicating the Bittersweet and other invasive vegetation.

"Let's let the whole site come back...then we'll design a control plan," suggested Attorney Shephard Johnson, who called it a "conceptual plan."

"I'm concerned about putting the commission in this position," responded Ms. White, pertaining to the request for approval of a plan that would not be measurable until at least September.

Mr. Faneuf stated that his client, Mr. Faisal, has performed a "180" and insisted that now a planting plan was not necessary, since Mr. Faisal was allowing the vegetation to regrow, with the exception of undesirable vegetation.

"It's all green. It's all stable," said Mr. Johnson. He encouraged the maintenance of "stable growth" by flagging the plant species that Mr. Faisal wanted on his property, and mowing the species he did not.

"Let the whole site regrow," suggested Ms. White, "then apply to complete a plan."

Mr. Jones concurred with Ms. White, and commented that he could

not issue Mr. Faisal an "open-ended order."

Mr. Shepherd requested that the commission flexible, approve a plan with conditions on all the items Mr. Faisal was proposing, and then periodically submit photos of the progress of the plan so the commission would not have to repeatedly visit the island to monitor the progress.

"I'd rather our expert go out every single time," interjected commission member Joseph Taylor. "I personally don't trust what you guys are going to do...Too many things wrong, too many times."

"Given the history...we need concrete objectives," Ms. Lenore told Mr. Faisal's team of experts. "Develop something a little more concrete."

"There won't be a need for a planting plan at all," responded Mr. Johnson, since Mr. Faisal was

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allowing the vegetation to regrow on its own, again, with the exception of the invasive plants that "wreak havoc on the natural vegetation."

Ms. White accused Mr. Johnson of contradicting what he had proposed at Mr. Faisal's last public hearing.

"Last meeting you had a planting plan. Now you say no plan," Ms. White told Mr. Johnson.

The restoration plan for the destroyed dune was deemed unacceptable as well, with the commission wondering why Mr. Faisal's team had not submitted an analysis of the grain size and type of sand to be used to replicate the dune.

Ms. White encouraged the team to revisit the older plan that was once approved by the commission to guide them toward a viable plan of action.

"We approved it in the past," stated Mr. Jones. "I don't see why we wouldn't approve it again."

Replication of the desecrated areas became an issue, which ultimately

resulted in Mr. Faneuf excusing himself from the ConCom meeting to attend the BPW meeting to request permission to perform replication, not on the island, but in an area next to the compost area near the waste water treatment plant. [See story on page 23.]

The commission urged Mr. Faisal's team to revisit the older plan and articulate all the work that still needed to be done.

The matter was continued until 5/21.

In other matters, Michael Edwards of 113 Cottonwood Street had to face abutters during his Notice of Intent hearing to demolish an existing house and build a new one.

Abutter Mary Olmstead, accompanied by Lousie Barteau, provided photos of Mr. Edwards's property displaying clearing of vegetation without a permit, including trees that Ms. Olmstead alleges are beyond Mr. Edwards's property.

"All I saw were big bulldozers doing whatever they wanted," said commission member Cora Peirce, after she had driven by the property prior to the meeting.

Mr. Jones advised Mr. Edwards to "tone it down a little bit" as Mr. Edwards boisterously defended himself against Ms. Olmstead and Ms. Barteau's accusations.

"She's saying I'm ruining the earth," stated Mr. Edwards, as he explained that all he was doing was removing some "very, very dangerous trees."

"I'm not hiding anything," Mr. Edwards told the commission. "I'm not escaping, running away, or whatever."

The matter was continued until 5/21, with an on-site scheduled for 5/20.

Michael Ristuccia, owner of a number of plots on Bass Creek Road, returned before the commission, resulting in a closing of the hearing after it was determined he would not be able to perform a percolation test so close to wetlands. Mr. Ristuccia had proposed filling a small area of wetlands in order to perform the perc test, but discovered that such an act would violate a Board of Health regulation.

"The Town is the one who put the fill there and created that little

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Big Truck Day

Did you ever want to climb into the cab of one of the big machines used by the department of public works? Well, this is your chance. On Saturday, May 12, from 1-4 p.m. at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, the big trucks of the Fairhaven DPW will be on display. Children of all ages can sit behind the wheel, honk horns, and otherwise crawl all over the big truck.

The center will also hold a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m., to present the new gym floor.

The Rec Center is located at 227 Huttleston Ave., next to Stop & Shop. Accessible. Call 508-993-9269 for info.

Stamp Out Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) national food drive is the largest one day food drive in the nation that combats hunger in the U.S. Every year, millions of families, letter carriers, postal employees and volunteers do their part on this day to provide millions of pounds of food to those in need. Last year, nationally, 70.2 million pounds of food was collected in one day and donated to food banks, pantries and shelters across the country.

Please leave non-perishable food on your porches or near your mailboxes by 8 AM on May 12. The letter carriers and their helpers will do the rest.

The two organizations that will benefit from your generosity in the Fairhaven area will be the Shepherd's Pantry located in Acushnet and the Damien Pantry located in Wareham.

Any questions on the day of the food drive, please call the Fairhaven Postal Annex at 508-9975248.

Robby Thatcher FR

The ninth annual fundraiser for the Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund will be held **Saturday, May 12th, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Seaport Inn, Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA.** Music will be provided by Craig deMelo and R & B Entertainment. **Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and are available at the door.**

To purchase tickets ahead for this fundraiser, please contact Annie at 508-287-6534 or 508-992-1336 or e-mail us at robbythatcherfund@comcast.net. Tickets are also

available at the Euro Ship Store, or the Seaport Inn. Donations can also be made on our website www.robbythatcherfund.com.

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This two and one half hour boating safety primer is designed for those new to boating or not generally at the helm, and will help you to "be prepared" with the basics.

You will learn about your vessel, including how to get help, recover a person overboard, and operate the engine. Also included are descriptions of what causes boating mishaps and how to minimize them, basic boat handling and what equipment should be on board.

Popular literature contains many horror stories about a passenger, who does not know how to operate the radio, signal for help, or operate the engine, watching in horror as a strong wind blows the boat away faster than a captain who has fallen overboard can swim. Misfortune occurs in seconds, and you have the rest of your life to be grateful that you knew what to do because you were prepared. Plan to attend this class and be prepared for the upcoming boating season!

Classes will be offered at the Flotilla's Education Center, 80 Middle St. Fairhaven, Mass. from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday May 12, 2012. And again on Thursday June 14, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Classes are FREE to all. Please register online at www.a0130605.uscgaux.info/ publiced

Upcoming Free Boating Classes Scheduled

New Bedford's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 invites the public to participate in free boating classes!

Navigation Rules: Thurs. May 17, 7PM-930PM. The different Meeting/Overtaking/Crossing situations; operator responsibilities under the rules, light and horn signal requirement and recognition under conditions of clear and restricted visibility and the vessel's pecking

order, etc. It is highly recommended that students bring a copy of the Navigation Rules to class. The book may be purchased for under \$20.00 or downloaded free of charge http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/mwv_files/NR_Files/navrules.pdf

Design Contest

The Fairhaven Community Trail Network is looking for a logo. The network is creating nature trails behind the East Fairhaven School and the new Wood School.

The winner's logo will be on all trail related materials. Winner will also get a free t-shirt and any other merchandising items created for the project. **Submission deadline is May 15.** Open to all Fairhaven residents. Submissions should be made by email to Fairhaventrails@yahoo.com and be in JPG, GIF, PDF or other standard readable format.

Irish Night

Irish Night on **West Island, Saturday, May 19th**, seating at 5:00 P.M. Full Irish Dinner, Music by The Mulligan Trio, held in West Island Improvement Association Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd. Fairhaven **Tickets \$15** call Herb Hunter, 508-996-3473 or Greg Belcher 508-583-7272 Call today. Seating Limited.

Fairhaven Idol 2012 DATE CHANGE

Organizers of Fairhaven's Bicentennial Celebration announce the town's **first Fairhaven Idol Competition**, which will showcase the singing talent of local residents of all ages.

Aspiring singers will have a chance to **audition on Tuesday, May 19 at the Seaport Inn, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Selected finalists will compete in front of a live audience and a panel of judges comprised of local and regional professionals in the entertainment industry on Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Seaport Inn.

Contestants will not only be judged on their singing ability, but stage performance and charisma will also be considered in the judging.

For more information, please email fhnidol@comcast.net.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Jazz Fest

In cooperation with Bridgewater Credit Union as its major corporate sponsor, Your Theatre, Inc. has announced it will produce New Bedford's first jazz festival **scheduled for May 18 at Custom House Square in New Bedford's Historic District and National Park.** Jazzfest will be an upscale annual music event featuring artists from the regional and national jazz scene.

Tickets are available at branches of the Bridgewater Credit Union, the Symphony Shop, 94 State Road, North Dartmouth, Pier 37, Union Street, New Bedford, and Your Theatre's box office, 508-993-0772, or at Custom House Square the evening of the festival. **Preferred seating is \$30.00, general admission standing room tickets are \$20, and student tickets are \$10. Tickets at the door are \$5 extra.** Please call YTI for info on Gold Seating and sponsorships.

Summer Day Prog.

Applications are now available for parents to register their children to participate in the New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Kennedy Summer Day Program. This summer program is an opportunity for children to engage in a variety of sports, games, crafts, and outdoor fun while making new friends. Activities include beach and swim time, special visitor programs from the National Park Service, bike safety instruction, and presentations by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The program operates out of Fort Taber Park and includes breakfast, lunch and transportation. The program is open to children who are eligible for kindergarten in September of 2012 through the age of fourteen. For New Bedford residents, each session is \$135 and financial aid is available for those who qualify. If space allows, non-residents may register for \$155 per session.

The registration deadline for all sessions is June 20th, 2012. Space is limited, so parents are encouraged to complete and submit an application as soon as possible. Registration packets are available at the Administrative Offices of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches located at

181 Hillman St. in Building 3 or at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center located at 181 Hillman Street. For more information call 508-961-3015.

Scrimshaw Weekend

Scrimshaw experts, collectors and fans from around the world will gather for the 23rd Annual Scrimshaw Weekend at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum, May 11-13**, which features three days of activities including the opening of a new permanent exhibit on **Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m.** of the world's largest scrimshaw collection, titled "Scrimshaw: Shipboard Art of the Whalers."

For the full schedule of events visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Registration fee for Scrimshaw Weekend includes admission to the museum, all open galleries, nautical antiques show, all plenary sessions, Scrimshaw VIP Preview, exhibit opening, book launch, all scheduled meals, and refreshments: \$370 (museum members \$330). Tickets to Saturday's banquet only: \$75 each.

Admission to the Sunday opening of the scrimshaw exhibit and book launch only: regular admission rates apply. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers are admitted free when accompanied by at least one member of her family.

For more information or to register, please contact visitor services at (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org.

NB Voc-Tech students Handiwork on display

Building the many and varied display cases needed for the world's largest scrimshaw exhibit would have been a daunting task were it not for the students of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Voc-Tech's carpentry classes fabricated more than 29 custom doors and viewing panels for the new gallery, set to open to the public this Sunday at 2 p.m.

The largest permanent exhibit of its kind, "Scrimshaw: Shipboard Art of the Whalers" coincides with the launch of a major new book on scrimshaw, titled "Ingenious Contrivances, Curiously Carved: Scrimshaw in the New Bedford Whaling Museum" by Dr. Frank, a 400-page reference with more than 700

photographs by Richard Donnelly. Dr. Frank will be available to sign copies of the book.

Clean-up & Cookout

On Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will host a Volunteer Day & All-American Cookout, a volunteer-driven initiative designed to provide our national park with the people-power to ready the park for the upcoming summer season and engage communities in the National Park experience.

Following the morning's projects will be a complimentary cookout in the National Park Visitor Center Garden for those volunteering, sponsored by the Whaling History Alliance. The event kicks off with volunteer check-in and registration at 9:30 am at the park visitor center at 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford, where participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

To learn more or to sign up for this worthwhile community event, call Emily Prigot at (508) 996-4095 extension 6105 or email emily_prigot@nps.gov. Drop-ins the day of the event are also welcome.

Paper Shred Day

The City of New Bedford, The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, and Downtown New Bedford, Inc., will co-sponsor a paper shredding event on **Sat., May 12, from 9 am through noon**, in the parking lot located across from New Bedford City Hall (corner of William and N. Sixth Streets). Residents and New Bedford area businesses are encouraged to bring their outdated paper items including bank statements, insurance forms, etc., to be shredded on site by Doc Shredding Corp.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but no binders or folders. **A fee of \$5 per box** will be charged and each box should not be more than 40 lbs. Participants may watch the destruction of up to five of their boxes of paper. For more than 5 boxes, shredding may be done offsite.

Please contact District Recycling Coordinator, Marissa Perez-Dormitzer at (508) 979-1493 or John Lobo in the City's Office of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 with any questions.

Tiara Classic

There's still time to register for the 6th annual 5K family road race with a .8 mile fun run for children, the Tiara Classic. Runners and walkers welcome. This is a healthy lifestyle event celebrating mothers and motherhood to benefit The Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts. **On Sun., May 13, at 9:00 AM for the Fun Run Start and 9:30 AM for the Race Start.** At The Oxford Creamery, 98 County Road, Mattapoisett. Visit www.tiara.classic5k.com to register. Runners and walkers: \$30.00; Kids fun run registration is \$5.00. Children 5 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the Women's Fund or to register for the Tiara Classic 5K visit <http://www.womensfundsema.org/events.html>

Global Energy Talk

On Monday, May 14 at 4pm in the Main Auditorium on the UMass Dartmouth campus, we look forward to welcoming Dr. Daniel G. Nocera, the Henry Dreyfus Professor of Energy and Professor of Chemistry at the Mass. Institute of Technology and founder of the Cambridge based renewable energy company Sun Catalytix. Dr. Nocera's research on solar energy conversion has led to acclaim worldwide including being named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME magazine in 2009.

Dr. Nocera will present a general audience talk, "The Global Energy Challenge," that explores the problems and potential solutions to meeting worldwide energy needs in the backdrop of diminishing fossil fuels and global warming.

Dr. Nocera's research explores renewable energy by studying the basic mechanisms of energy conversion in biology and chemistry. The major recent discoveries from the Nocera lab have produced a relatively inexpensive and efficient means to the photogeneration of hydrogen and oxygen from water which provides a mechanism for the storage of solar energy as a fuel allowing for the potential deployment of solar energy on a large scale and at a feasible cost.

Mattapoisett Library

Meet the Author

Not sure what to give Mom for Mother's Day? Former Mattapoisett resident and author Jennifer Trainer Thompson will be speaking at the Mattapoisett Library on **Saturday, May 12th at 2 pm** about her new cookbooks. Both "Fresh Egg Recipes" and "Hot Sauce!" will be available for purchase and signing. In addition, her popular book "The Joy of Family Traditions" will also be available. Stop by and purchase a copy to have signed for that special mom or cook in your life.

Friends' Used Book Sale

There are many book bargains to be had for both adults and children at the Friends' Used Book Sale on **Saturday, May 12th from 10 am to 1 pm.** Stop by and help yourself to a bag of books for \$10 or to individually priced books. The Junior Friends are holding a **bake sale at the library and a can and bottle collection from 9 am to 10 am.**

Golf Tourney

On May 22, 2012 South Coast golfers have a unique opportunity to play a round of golf and clean up New Bedford Harbor at the same time.

That is because the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Bay Club at Mattapoisett are partnering to host a Golf Tournament specifically designed to fund nitrogen pollution cleanup in New Bedford Harbor. **Registration is open now until May 14, 2012 at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/golf.**

Call for Artists

Artists who are inspired by Buzzards Bay are encouraged to submit works for consideration for the exhibition titled, Interpretations: Artistic Celebrations of Buzzards Bay. The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between the Falmouth Artists Guild and the Buzzards Bay Coalition and will be displayed in both Falmouth and New Bedford.

The call for entries is now open and artists may deliver works of all media for consideration to the Falmouth Art Center (137 Gifford Street) on Monday, August 20th, from 9:30-4:00. Jurying will take place on

the 21st and the exhibit will open in Falmouth on August 23rd.

Additional requirements and prospectus at www.falmouthart.org or by contacting the Falmouth Artists Guild at 508-540-3304 or info@falmouthart.org.

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Scout Troop 333 of East Freetown, sponsoring a special Flag Retirement Ceremony in June, has identified locations in the area at which the public may leave American and POW-MIA flags for honorable retirement. Flags may now be deposited at the Lakeville Town Clerk's Office, Freetown Town Hall, Freetown Police Department and the Freetown Trading Post at 1 Chace Road in East Freetown.

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The public is welcome to attend this special event starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Cathedral Camp in E. Freetown.

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This year's theme is "The Business of Health" and will focus on women run businesses in all aspects of the health care field ranging from traditional medicine, alternative and nutrition. We are proud to be having Miss Barbara Morse Silva, NBC 10 Health Reporter, emcee our event.

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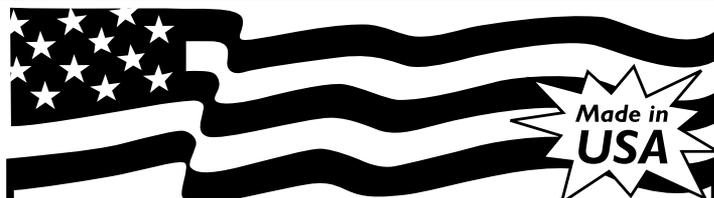
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- 6 TBs flour
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- 1/2 Tsp tarragon leaves
- 1 1/2 lbs. cooked seafood (any combination of shrimp, tuna, crabmeat or salmon), cut in bite-sized pieces
- 1 10oz. pkg. frozen spinach thawed and drained
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook noodles according to package directions. In medium saucepan melt margarine, whisk in flour; cook until well blended. Add seasonings, cook and stir constantly until smooth and thickened.

In a 13x9" pan lay 1/3 noodles, 1/3 seafood, 1/3 spinach, 1/3 sauce, 1/3 cheeses. Repeat layers twice. Cover and bake in 350 oven 40 minutes; uncover and bake additional 5 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Nancy Coutinho

To share a recipe with your neighbors

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High softball

The Lady Blues suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Case High last Thursday. A super game went nine innings with Case on top 4-1. Case pitcher Shannon Orton threw a six-hitter and had three big hits. Shannon will pitch for UMassD next year.

On Friday, the girls came back with a strong 11-0 win over Diman Voke. Courtney Girourd and Madison Maniatis combined for shutout. Big sticks were Kiyanna Alfaiate and Kayli Moniz.

FHS Baseball

The Blues went down in defeat to Coyle 4-2. Justin Jacobson pitched well in losing effort. Drew Worthington had two hits for FHS.

Ryan Baldwin hurled FHS to 6-1 win over Case. Jake Carvalho had two hits.

FHS Track

The Dash Blues got a bug 38-42 win over Case. Kyle Everett was a triple winner: triple jump, high jump and 100-yard dash. Billy Oliver won 110 hurdles and 400 hurdles.

FHS JVs Softball

The Young Lady Blue JVs are having a great season. Last week they defeated D-R 5-1 behind the pitching of Courtney Tarvares. They came from behind to defeat Case 6-4 with Courtney and Kat Braley doing some nice pitching. The Young Blues have gotten great play from Taylor Canastra, Kenzi Roderiques, Hanna Coffey, Valaree Malatino, Ally Kuechler, Brianna Birdas, Ally Lima, Kris Walton, Amanda Lopes and Sam Daignieau.

FHS Lacrosse

The Fairhaven boys defeated Dartmouth in overtime 14-13. Dartmouth was only team to defat Blues, so it was a big win for FHS. Kobie Edwards got winning goal, had five goals. Billy Pires had six, Alex Dompierre chipped in with two. Coach Nick Pilla has Bluemen 11-1 record.

Girls Romp 13-1

The Lady Blues defeated Sturgis 13-1 with "Hat Tricks" three goals from Katie Wordell, Jess Marmelo and Alex Fonseca. Shea Riley scored her first two goals and Alecia Rego her first.



Fairhaven High School's Lady Blues lost to Case on Thursday, 5/3. LEFT: Fairhaven's Kay Mullen catches one from pitcher Courtney Girovani. RIGHT: Fairhaven's Ashley Brown gets a hit. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

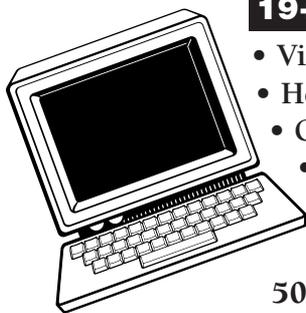
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Police arrest Fairhaven woman on drug charges

Fairhaven Police Press Release

On May 7, 2012, Fairhaven Police Detectives and members of the Bristol County Sheriffs Department Anticrime Task Force arrested 21-year-old Rebecca Botelho of 24 Florence Street, Fairhaven. Botelho was charged with one count of possession of a class b substance, one count of possession with intent to distribute a class b substance, distribution of a class d substance, possession of a class d substance and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

The arrest came after a week long surveillance of Botelho during which she was observed allegedly making numerous hand-to-hand drug transactions. Law enforcement officers watched Botelho make these transactions in the parking lots of various businesses throughout Fairhaven.

On Monday afternoon, Botelho was observed allegedly executing a drug deal in the parking lot of one local business. Officers descended on the vehicle she was in after the transaction was completed and took Botelho into custody without incident.

They then returned to her 24



Rebecca Botelho of 24 Florence Street, Fairhaven, was arrested by police and charged with count of possession of a class b substance, one count of possession with intent to distribute a class b substance, distribution of a class d substance, possession of a class d substance and conspiracy to violate drug laws. *Police photo.*

Florence Street residence where they conducted a consent search of the house. During the search, officers recovered over 14 grams of marijuana, 20 percocet tablets, suboxone, 10 grams of hashish and over \$400 in cash.

Detectives from the Fairhaven and Acushnet Police Departments and Agents from the Bristol County Sheriffs Department South Coast Anti Crime Task Force began an investigation of Botelho after receiving numerous complaints about her possible involvement in suspected drug activity.

The Fairhaven Police Department remains committed to eradicating issues such as drug dealing from its neighborhoods in order to protect quality of life issues for all town residents. If anyone has information about illegal activity in and around their neighborhoods, they are encouraged to call the Fairhaven Police Anonymous Tip Line at 508-979-4100. •••

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Acushnet Selectboard goes over town meeting articles

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

In preparation for the June 4th town meeting the Acushnet Selectboard met with town officials on April 30th to discuss the articles that will appear on the warrant.

Before this portion of the meeting began, the selectboard voted on an employee health insurance plan for the town which had been agreed upon earlier in the day. Chairperson David Wojnar reported that the insurance plan was negotiated with employees outside of the collective bargaining process as allowable by Mass. General Law. The negotiations took place with selectboard designees: Town Administrator Alan Coutinho and Finance Director Cathy Doane and employee representatives of the Public Employee Committee (PEC).

"The employees of the PEC have worked very diligently with us to try to come to a plan that will allow the town to maximize savings for the next year and not put all the burden on the backs of our employees," Mr. Coutinho said as he described the bargaining process.

Mr. Coutinho reported that the change in the health plan will save the town an estimated \$100,000. To realize the savings, employee co-payments will be higher as will their costs for prescription drugs. No changes to deductibles were made.

Mr. Wojnar noted that the health insurance change was one more effort the town has undergone to control health care costs. He stated that in recent years health insurance for elected officials was eliminated and a 60% employee-40% employer insurance cost split was implemented.

The board reviewed and approved

several town meeting articles which approve transfers to accounts for expenses which ran over budget in FY 2012. These expenses include; \$12,000 for veteran's benefits, \$28,000 for snow removal costs, \$75,000 for police department overtime pay, \$65,000 for City of New Bedford water, \$40,000 for City of New Bedford sewer pumping, \$40,000 for maintenance of the sewer system and \$20,000 for the town's gasoline account.

The selectboard voted to recommend various articles from the Community Preservation Committee including \$40,000 to microfilm all historical town records in the Town Clerk's office, \$25,000 for a new roof at the Council on Aging building and \$35,000 to install additional security lighting and equipment in Pope Park.

The board also recommended a \$125,000 article which allows the purchase of conservation rights on a 46.6 acre lot adjacent to the Acushnet River; commonly referred to as the LaPalme Property. Another CPC recommended project the board voted to support involved the taking of the abandoned church at 39 Perry Hill Road by eminent domain, the creation of a \$40,000 escrow to be used to purchase the property if an owner presents themselves within the next six years and \$25,000 for repairs to the structure.

The chairperson of the CPC, Kevin Dakin, withdrew the committee's request for \$20,000 to upgrade a bathroom located in the Presidential Terrace Apartments to a handicapped unit. He reported that although a similar project was funded by the CPC years ago, his research indicates that the project does not qualify for funding because the buildings were not acquired by or

created with CPC funds.

Kevin Dakin stated that a different request for work at these apartments does qualify for funding and is being recommended by the committee. The amount requested is \$26,000 and will be used to replace sliding glass doors. He explained that the old single paned doors have condensation problems that cause water damage to the apartments, particularly to the flooring near them.

He said that because the project's purpose is to protect the building from harm, injury or destruction, it falls under the preservation category making it eligible for CPC funding. After acknowledging that the work appears to be needed, selectboard members Kevin Gaspar and Leslie Dakin asked that the article be held from the warrant until a representative from the Acushnet Housing Authority can demonstrate that their budget has no maintenance funds for the project.

"It's community housing, there is a purpose. It's not like they're saying there's free money here let's go get it," said Kevin Dakin. "It's low and moderate income individuals and families including low and moderate income seniors. This is a qualifying category and they have every right to try to get money from us."

Mr. Gaspar also held back three articles that he said he felt are unnecessary expenses for this year. He stated that he would like to wait until after the school department budget is finalized by the Finance Committee before voting to add the three articles to the warrant.

One of the articles requests \$15,344 to purchase a new server for the town's computer system. Finance

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Director/Town Accountant Cathy Doane explained that the current server, which is more than eight years old, has run out of memory and is too old to be upgraded. She noted that problems with backing up information are occurring and cautioned that if the old server crashed the town's computer system would shut down.

Another article held back was a \$6,498 request to purchase a new photocopier for the police department. Police Chief Michael Alves stated that the copier in use was purchased with a grant in 2005. He said the machine was damaged when a storm blew open a window shortly after purchase and has been problematic ever since.

The third article held at Mr. Gaspar's request was for \$11,500 to purchase a John Deere lawn mower. Department of Public Works Superintendent Paul Silvia said it was needed to replace a mower purchased in the 1970's. He explained that because of the age and condition of the old mower it costs the town between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to get it operational each year.

The selectboard voted in favor of an article that would create a rent control board in the town. The action is the result of requests made by residents of the Brookside Mobile Home park on Main Street in their letter to the selectboard dated January 2012.

The selectboard also voted to recommend a proposed new animal husbandry bylaw which would limit the number of small farm animals allowed on lots less than 20,000 square feet. The bylaw would empower the Animal Control Officer to settle disputes in cases where residents maintain multiple farm animals in neighborhoods where houses are physically close together.

The board members debated who should be empowered to enforce a proposed anti-littering bylaw. Kevin Gaspar explained that it was necessary to include several departments as enforcers because of the many types of debris, litter and waste that would be included in the bylaw.

He noted that animal waste, grass clippings in wetlands and construction debris fall under different

department jurisdictions making it necessary to give them all enforcement powers.

The debate then focused on the selectboard members themselves having enforcement powers which both selectboard members Mr. Wojnar and Mr. Gaspar did not feel was necessary or appropriate.

Other issues discussed included hazardous waste materials, special events held in the town and the use of selectboard member designees. The board voted to recommend the article with changes to the enforcement section to grant enforcement powers to the Police, Fire Chief, Conservation Agent, Board of Health Agent and Selectboard Designees.

Other articles recommended by the selectboard included:

- To appropriate or reserve funds for the CPC for FY2013.
- \$1,750 to match a grant for the purchase of a portable generator in the Fire Department

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Town Meeting votes: schools will see layoffs; tourism will move

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members dealt with more than 60 articles covering more than \$50 million in spending for FY 2013 on Saturday, 5/5. In addition to approving budgets for all town departments, TM voted to allow an easement on a corner of Cushman Park for a resident to access his front door and for a package store/all alcohol license for Emma Jean's Cupcake Factory.

The meeting began with Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock telling members they faced a "daunting challenge," because of the down economy and limited resources

He said the town's various departments did a great job, but they all faced "difficult challenges."

"The financial storm is here," said Dr. Bowcock.

Finance Committee chairperson John Roderiques told members that the town has reached the point where any change in their recommendations would have to come from another budget and cause a reduction in services.

"We are a recommending body," said Mr. Roderiques. "If you don't agree with our recommendations, that is your choice."

But he also said if they added money in one place they would be taking it away from another.

"That's reality," he said. "But certainly, it's your choice if you do otherwise."

Town departments had agreed to a two percent cut over last year's budgets. The School Department had asked for \$18,015,357 to be level funded, but was reduced to \$17,655,049, an increase from last year's \$17,424,735 budget, but still short of level funding by two percent. According to Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin, the district



will probably have to lay off up to eight teachers.

All but one of the controversial articles submitted by Windwise were withdrawn. Only the moratorium on wind turbines was discussed.

Only two town budgets sparked controversy: the largest and one of the smallest.

TM member Diane Hahn tried to reduce the schools to last year's figure, claiming that mandated services were not being met in order to fund non-mandated services, a charge disputed by the department. She proposed instituting fees for non mandated services.

Dr. Baldwin told TM that it costs the district \$600,000 just "to walk in the door" with contractual obligations.

He said two percent "will impact our greatest asset: our teachers, our staff."

At \$17,655,049, the School Depart-



ment's budget is about 35% of the town's total budget without figuring in town costs. It is closer to 40% with those figured in.

The only other department budget to garner any real discussion disputed a considerably smaller figure: \$3,150, the amount of half a year's rent for the Office of Tourism.

The Finance Committee originally recommended cutting the whole \$6,300, saying it was time to move the Tourism Office out of a rented space and into a town owned building. Tourism Director Christopher Richard* has had his eye on The Academy, a town-owned building used by the private, non-profit Fairhaven Historical Society, which has refused to share the building.

The Finance Committee and the Selectboard then agreed to restore half the rent to allow Mr. Richard to



ABOVE: Lisa Plante addresses Fairhaven town meeting on Saturday, 5/5. MIDDLE: Lisa Barteau makes a presentation for Windwise proposing a moratorium on wind turbines in Fairhaven. BOTTOM: Al Benac makes his presentation to town meeting to rescind an easement for Verizon that was granted in 1995. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos.

stay in his present office through the busy summer season in what is Fairhaven's Bicentennial year. Not long before town meeting, the Selectboard voted to restore the whole amount.

"There's been a long debate on this issue in town," said Mr. Roderiques, for 10 years.

He said the FinCom agreed to restore half the rent, but would no longer support a town office paying rent when there is room in a town building.

"We have to start looking at ways to save money," said Mr. Roderiques. "Why pay rent when you do not have to?"

He said the issue of where the tourism office would go was a separate issue.

"In our minds, it's an easy one," he said.

Phil Washko, who ran for Selectboard but did not get elected, reminded TM members that the meeting had started with officials saying how hard it was to get money to run the town.

He said it was a "no-brainer" not to spend money if they did not need to.

TM member Rich Taber however, said keeping the office in a "central spot" was important.

"It sort of defeats the purpose of tourism," to move it from the center,

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said Mr. Taber.

In the end, the lower figure passed, meaning that the Office of Tourism will have to move out of its Center Street office in January.

The Windwise articles on the annual warrant for an ethics commission, impeachment process, term limits, public meeting minutes availability, elected appeals board, recall petition, and an article to stop the wind turbine project were passed over, meaning they were withdrawn and not debated or voted on.

The only Windwise article that was discussed was Article 8 on the Special TM, which would have put a moratorium on the installation of all industrial wind turbines in Fairhaven.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola recused himself and left, as he was initially part of a lawsuit against the town on the IWTs. He has since removed himself from the lawsuit. According to Moderator Mark Sylvia, the state ethics commission ruled that Mr. Espindola did not have a conflict, but he chose to recuse himself anyway.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty addressed TM to say that the article would not pass muster with the Attorney General's office. He said the article as written was perfectly legal,

but that it did not go through the proper process of a public hearing.

Louise Barteau made the presentation for Windwise and pointed out that other towns in Mass. and in New England have enacted moratoriums.

She reiterated many of the claims that Windwise has made about the IWTs causing adverse health effects to nearby residents.

TM member Channing Hayward got applause when he called a point of order, interrupting Ms. Barteau to ask why they should listen to a presentation when the article was not legal.

Mr. Barteau was allowed to continue her presentation, and told members that the town needed time to craft a better bylaw so no more IWTs would go up near houses. Windwise claims the two IWTs now spinning on town land on Arsene Street will make people sick.

Dr. Bowcock said it was a "dangerous precedent" for town meeting to vote on a bylaw they know is not legal.

But Ann Ponichtera DeNardis spoke in opposition to her old nemesis. "I am an attorney," said Ms. DeNardis. "And attorneys have a difference opinion all the time."

She said town meeting should vote

on it and let the AG decide.

"We need to take this seriously," she said, adding that the existing IWTs are already in her backyard. "The question is, do you want them in your backyard?"

"If you want one, vote this down," said Henry Ferreira. "I've already got one."

He said the current bylaw was an invitation to developers to site IWTs too close to homes and TM had to send message to top it.

Curt Devlin, another outspoken opponent of the IWTs, said they are "toxic."

"This is medical fact," said Mr. Devlin, adding that "we know five percent of people living within two kilometers are going to get seriously ill." He said some effects are long term and irreversible.

Another TM member called the project a "boondoggle."

Windwise member Ken Pottel told TM that it would "send a message" to developers.

"We know developers are actively looking at Fairhaven," he said.

In the end the measure failed 182-102.

The request from Emma Jean's Cupcake factory also got some good

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Quotable quotes from Town Meeting

Please hold your applause
[Town Moderator Mark Sylvia]

Town Moderator, \$80,000. All in favor...[instead of \$800.00]
[Town Moderator Mark Sylvia]

Good music [Town Moderator Mark Sylvia when someone's cellphone rang]

"Is that your job, John?"
"Unfortunately, no."

[Exchange between Mr. Sylvia and Finance Committee chair John Roderiques on the \$1.00 salary line item for FinCom]

Oh...millions! [Diane Hahn after motioning for \$17+ thousands for the School Department budget]

Thank you, sir [Al Benac after

sound technician David Fortin personally pushed the mike closer to Mr. Benac]

Well, I'll make it short
[Al Benac after his one minute warning at the end of his 15-minute presentation]

I'm not going to get into that, my time's running down
[Al Benac]

"You have five seconds."
"Then don't interrupt me in the middle of a sentence."
[Exchange between Mr. Sylvia and Mr. Benac as he reached the end of his 15 minutes]

Do you want the brick?
[Al Benac]

You have five minutes. Use them

wisely. [Mr. Sylvia after town meeting members voted to give Mr. Benac more time]

"Shame on Town Meeting — 1995."

"Thank you for clarifying that."
[Exchange between Wayne Hayward and Mr. Sylvia]

To quote Ronald Reagan....
Verizon, tear down that building.
[Al Benac]

"It's been quite the journey."
"You get the endurance award."
[Exchange between Mr. Benac and Mr. Sylvia at the end of Mr. Benac's presentation]

And that's wrong. That's absolutely wrong.
[John Roderiques on Article 36, water district rate increase]

Appeals meeting doesn't happen, no quorum, no complainant

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Windwise member Donna McKenna and her attorney, Ann DeNardis, did not attend the 5/1 Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, despite being listed on the agenda for the continuation of Ms. McKenna's appeal of the wind turbine building permit. Some board members wondered aloud if the absence was a strategic move in Ms. McKenna's lawsuit against the Town of Fairhaven.

Additionally, Chairperson Peter DeTerra was absent from the meeting, resulting in an insufficient number of board members to form a quorum. The board was ultimately unable to vote on Ms. McKenna's appeal of the building permit issued to Fairhaven Wind, LLC.

In an email from Ms. McKenna, she explained that she was unwell due to a car accident that occurred on Sunday, 4/29.

"I am very sore and was unable to make the meeting," wrote Ms. McKenna.

In a subsequent email from Attorney Ann DeNardis, Ms. DeNardis said she had been waiting for notification that Ms. McKenna was listed on the agenda.

"...We were never notified that we were on the agenda for the May 1st, 2012 meeting," wrote Ms. DeNardis. "I received no notice to be in attendance at that time, nor was I notified at the hearing of the date of the next hearing on the issue."

According to Ms. DeNardis, she had been anticipating "proper notice" from the ZBA to inform her when the Selectboard made a decision on whether they would go ahead and allow the ZBA to seek independent counsel pertaining to Ms. McKenna's appeal of the building permit issued to Fairhaven Wind, LLC. The anti-wind turbine group Windwise claims in their lawsuit against the Town that Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin violated the permitting procedure.

"The Board of Appeals has an obligation to inform me of the date that the hearing would be continued to," wrote Ms. DeNardis.

In a follow-up interview with ZBA

Secretary Pat Fowle, Ms. Fowle stated that at the conclusion of the 4/3 ZBA meeting, she tried to get Ms. DeNardis to sign a "continuance request form" for the 5/1 meeting to which Ms. DeNardis responded, "I'm not signing anything."

Ms. DeNardis responded in another email, "I agree that I refused to sign any agreement for a continuance. It was not my choice to continue this matter. That does not negate the fact that I was entitled to be notified in advance that the matter would be addressed at the May 1, 2012 ZBA hearing."

The letter from Town Counsel Thomas Crotty regarding his inquiry

Since I represent the appealing party, I am entitled to notice of when the next hearing will be scheduled. In fact, I still have not received any notice of when the next hearing on this matter is to be scheduled.
[Ann Ponichtera DeNardis]

to the State Ethics Commission was read aloud at the 4/30 BOS meeting.

Windwise had questioned the ethics of Mr. Crotty defending both Mr. Fostin and advising the ZBA in the same matter.

"I was never notified that the requested letter from the Selectboard was received by the ZBA, or that we would be put on the agenda," Ms. DeNardis said in her email. "Since I represent the appealing party, I am entitled to notice of when the next hearing will be scheduled. In fact, I still have not received any notice of when the next hearing on this matter is to be scheduled."

In addition to saying that she should be properly notified by the town because she is Ms. McKenna's attorney, Ms. DeNardis also instructed the Neighb News not to contact Ms. McKenna, a School

Committee member, directly.

"Please direct your communications to me relative to my representation of Donna McKenna in the ZBA appeal," wrote Ms. DeNardis.

Dr. Acksen arrived at the ZBA meeting on 5/1 expecting Ms. McKenna's hearing to move forward and commented that she was confused as to why Ms. McKenna, Ms. DeNardis, and other members of Windwise did not attend.

The board voted to continue Ms. McKenna's hearing until 6/5.

In other matters:

· Bernard Ristuccia of 24 Nelson Street withdrew his original application and filed a new application for a variance to build a single-family home. Mr. Ristuccia has been trying to accommodate neighbors who have repeatedly opposed all of his building plans thus far. The hearing is continued until 6/5.

· Michael Cardoso of 54 Gilbert Street was approved for a variance to build a rear concrete deck with 1% over maximum building coverage.

· Carlos Tavares of 22 Ash Street received a variance for a two-car garage that will exceed the maximum building height by four feet. Neighbors were present in support of his project.

· Joshua Benoit of 95 Pleasant Street received a variance to build a shed two feet short of the five-foot property live setback. Neighbors expressed support by attending the meeting and a letter to the board.

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Legal Notices/ Public Hearings

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Edward Ducary:** 474 Sconticut Neck Road, Plat 29, Lot 3A, Book 2653, Page 339, 198-23: A Special Permit is required for a home occupation in the Building Trades.
2. **Petitioner: Michael Bobola:** 11 Maple Avenue, Plat 3, Lot 85-86, Book 9572, Page 211; 198-18: Lot 85 & 86 held in common ownership. Lot 85 short 55' of the required 100' frontage and 11,820 sq ft short of the required 15,000 sq ft in a RA District.
3. **Petitioner: Scott Hyman:** 54 Bayview Avenue, Plat 28A, Lot 439, Certificate #22146; 198-22: Short 5' of the required 5' property line setback for accessory structures. 198-18: 10% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% in a RA District.
4. **Petitioner: Bernard J. Ristuccia:** 24 Nelson Avenue, Plat 43, Lot 37-38, Book 9498, Page 120; Special Permit: Special Permit is required for expansion of a non-conforming lot; 189-18: short 6' of the required 30' rear setback, short 12' of the required 30' front setback and 1% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within a RR District.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 21, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall, Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Michael Ristuccia Location Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 389 - 402 Purpose verify wetland line and perform percolation test.
- Request for Determination Applicant John & Gia Zolotas Location 22 Point Street Plot 28B Lots 204,205,218 Purpose install shell driveway within 100' of coastal beach and a VE flood zone after the fact.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Luis Pacheco Location 307R Sconticut Neck Road Plot 29/29D Lots 16F/1C Purpose removing invasive vegetation and stabilization by planting a lawn construction of a stone wall within 100' of coastal bank and within a VE flood zone AFTER THE FACT.
- Request for Determination Applicant Mary E. Allen Location 29 Shaw Cove Plot 33 Lot 48 Purpose extend existing deck within a VE flood zone and barrier beach.

*Respectfully submitted
Andrew Jones Chairman*

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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debate time. The store wants to be able to include hard liquor in its gift baskets. It already has a beer and wine license.

Opponents of the measure included members of the Cox family, of Cox's Candies, who were previously in that location, and owners of Mac's Soda Bar, which was denied an all-alcohol restaurant license when the measure went to the state house. Because Fairhaven is over its state-determined limit for alcohol licenses, the legislature must approve any more.

Former Selectboard member Michael Silvia spoke in favor of granting the license saying "we know Fairhaven best."

"Alcohol and cupcakes and ice cream do not mix," said Dan DeNardis.

"I'm just trying to enhance my selection," said Cathy Melanson. "I'm trying to get people into Fairhaven."

She said her store was a "destination spot"

The measure passed, but will have to be passed by the state legislature.

An article to rescind an easement granted to Verizon for a small building in 1995 also garnered much discussion. Al Benac gave a presentation explaining that Verizon had not kept up their part of the bargain.

His initial argument was going to be that the building was on Cushman Park property and should not have been given. But Mr. Crotty discovered that the building is actually on roadway that was taken by eminent domain.

That didn't stop Mr. Benac from making his case, though, even getting an extra five minutes from TM to finish his case.

Other TM members agreed the building was an eyesore, but did not warrant the legal ramifications of trying to rescind an easement granted by a previous town meeting.

"I can't see how that little building can be causing that much of a problem," said Chan Hayward.

"It's a mess," said Rich Taber. "We need to address that with Verizon. That place is a mess."

"Shame on Town Meeting — 1995," said Wayne Hayward to some chuckles.

"Thank you for clarifying that," said moderator Mark Sylvia.

Mr. Hayward said that town meeting should at least send a message with their vote.

The measure, however, failed.

In other business town meeting approved an additional \$35,000 in legal expenses for FY12, this year. Town meeting member Scott Winnett asked for clarification on why the town needed to spend so much on legal expense. Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch said the town faced more lawsuits than anticipated, with the largest being the Windwise lawsuits about the wind turbines, police department lawsuit about the Quinn Bill funding, and public works department union issues.

"Unfortunately, the town has to defend itself," said Mr. Osuch. He said most years the town allocates \$130,000 for legal expenses, the amount allocated for FY13.

An increase in fees to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Protection Committee failed after much discussion on the measure actually increasing the power of the committee.

Mark Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition was allowed to address town meeting. He explained that the money could be used to acquire property around the town's water source which is not in Fairhaven and only 8% protected.

Mr. Osuch, the town's representative on the MRVW said all the towns in the district had to agree to the increase of one cent per 100 gallons.

"The decisions you make will go a long way to protect our water supply," said Mr. Osuch.

But Mr. Roderiques again spoke out against it, saying the law that created the mechanism does not spell out how the money can be spent and gives too much power to the committee. He suggested changing the legislation.

Although most speakers supported the measure, citing clean water as the goal, the 134-80 vote did not reach the 2/3 threshold required.

Article 5 on the Special TM for an easement over Cushman Park property to allow the owner of 188 Green Street to access his front door passed.

**Mr. Richard writes a freelance column which appears monthly in the Neighb News.*

Historical Commission gripes about sloppy Historical Society

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Historical Society was roundly criticized at the 5/2 Fairhaven Historical Commission meeting, just after Commission Chairperson David Despres motioned to take a neutral position concerning the possible transfer of the Visitor's Center from Center Street to the Academy Building. The Commission is a Town of Fairhaven committee. The Society is a private, non-profit organization that uses the Academy for historical programs and to house a museum of Fairhaven history.

Commission member Wayne Oliveira openly expressed his discontent with the Society, and spoke at length about the current state of the over-sized closet area that Director of Tourism Christopher Richard might one day use as an office.

"It's a complete mess," said Mr. Oliveira. "It looks like a hoarder's house in there."

The commission described the small room as having "clutter, cups and old junk" that Mr. Oliveira said could be thrown out right then and there.

"They should be good housekeepers," remarked Cynthia McNaughten, who is a member of both the society and the commission.

Mr. Oliveira made a motion to craft a "strongly-worded letter" to the society to have the space cleaned out "a.s.a.p." by July first. Otherwise, said Mr. Oliveira, the commission members should take measures of their own to clean the space themselves.

"Every time we ask them to do something, it falls on deaf ears," said

Mr. Oliveira. "I'm 99 percent sure by July first, the office will be in the same state."

"It really bugs me," said Ms. McNaughten. "It's all their stuff."

The commission members discussed the 4/30 selectboard meeting where Historical Society members, including President of the Society and Board of Health Member Dr. Barbara Acksen, addressed the Selectboard in opposition to the Visitor's Center moving into the Academy Building.

It's a complete mess. It
looks like a hoarder's
house in there
[Wayne Oliveira]

"I don't support the current management of this society," said Mr. Oliveira.

Some commission members agreed that some society members had misrepresented themselves by giving the impression that they utilize "every square inch" of the building, and could not afford to give Mr. Richard the small room and use of the bathroom.

"They like to get their way," added Mr. Oliveira. "And that's exactly what they've been doing lately."

Mr. Oliveira also said that the society, on average, utilizes the Academy Building for public events about 10 to 15 days out of 365.

The commission expressed that

they would have liked the Selectboard to have sought input from the commission during the Visitor's Center debate.

"I don't think the Selectmen know enough about what goes on in this building," suggested Mr. Oliveira.

"I agree," added Ms. McNaughten.

Although they are responsible for maintaining the building, the commission does not have the authority to decide on who will utilize the building.

"I wanted to evict the society from here and made the motion," recalled Mr. Oliveira, however the motion did not carry. "I don't think we would miss them if they were gone."

"But we do have a debt of gratitude to them," commented Ms. McNaughten.

"We are just keepers. When our time is done there will be someone else sitting here," said commission member and Library Archivist Debbie Charpentier. "It's about maintenance of history."

Almost in perfect unison, all four commission members spoke out, "Why can't we all just share the same building?" followed by a chuckle.

The commission voted in favor of remaining neutral on the Visitor's Center issue, and for sending a letter to the society to clean the small room.

"The commission will support whatever decision the Selectmen make," said Mr. Despres.

While discussing how to word the letter ordering the society to clean the room, the commission chuckled after Ms. Charpentier said, "It doesn't matter — it's all going to be in the newspaper next Thursday!"

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Council on Aging

Mon., 5/21, Sr. Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 5/21, Nemasket Bldg., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers/Oxford Study Com.

Thurs., 5/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

School Building Committee

Wed., 5/16, FHS Library, 5:00 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/23, FHS Library, 6:30

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Tues., 5/15, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/21, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues., 5/15, Ford MS, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/14, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	10	----	1217	0544*	1733
Friday	11	0044	1314	0642	1836
Saturday	12	0141	1412	0755	2029
Sunday	13	0239	1510	0907	2207
Monday	14	0338	1609	0956	2302
Tuesday	15	0438	1705	1029	2343
Wednesday	16	0533	1757	1100	----
Thursday	17	0623	1843	0015	----
		----	----	1133	----
Friday	18	0706	1923	0045	1210
Saturday	19	0746	2000	0119	1249
Sunday	20	0824	2035	0155	1330
Monday	21	0901	2109	0234	1412
Tuesday	22	0939	2144	0312	1452
Wednesday	23	1019	2222	0349	1532
Thursday	24	1101	2303	0425	1612
Friday	25	1145	2348	0459	1653

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
**Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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depression,” spoke Mr. Ristuccia. “It just has a very bad feel.”

He bemoaned still having to pay thousands of dollars on property that essentially he could not use because of alleged dumping by the Town.

Mr. Jones told Mr. Ristuccia that perhaps only a judge could resolve the matter and the hearing was closed.

John Koska of Clark Street returned before the commission with his son, Civil Engineer Michael Koska, still seeking to determine wetland lines without the cooperation of abutters Frances Pimental and Charles George.

However, Ms. Pimental agreed to allow the Town’s consultant, John Rockwell, to enter her property in order to inspect a previously flagged area of wetlands. An on-site for Mr. Rockwell was scheduled for 5/20, with a continuation for 5/21.

In other matters:

- New member Janine Peccini joined the commission
- Edith Silva c/o Maureen Grace of 301 Mill Road received permission to upgrade a septic system, referred to as an “emergency repair” by BOH and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Peter

DeTerra, representing the applicant.

- Victor Palermo of Sciticut Neck Road applied for a request for determination to remove brush and dead trees within the 100-foot buffer zone. There are currently no plans to build on the lots, although the lots are considered buildable. The matter was continued to 5/21, with an on-site for 5/20
- Luis and Mary Martins, trustees of the Martins Family Living Trust, are seeking to determine the wetlands lines on a New Boston Road plot. Mr. DeTerra stated that he abutted the property and was concerned about the access to the property. An on-site will be held 5/20, continued to 5/21.
- Nathan Sorrelle of 284 Mill Road has no special conditions and does not have to file a notice of intent to build an addition to his home for a master bedroom and family room.
- Robert Letorneau of 35 Nakata Avenue does not have to file a notice of intent to build a second-story deck above an existing first-floor deck.
- The matters of Enrico and Linda Picozza of 182 Ebony Street, and Rysard and Kasia Stasiak were

continued until 5/21 due to the inability of commission members and Mr. Rockwell to attend the previously scheduled on-site visits.

- Not on the agenda, Ray Morrision of 45 Nakata Avenue received an Enforcement Order for repairing a boat ramp without proper permitting. He must file a Notice of Intent and comply with the “cease and desist” order by 6/18.
- Also off the agenda, James Hildreth asked the commission for assistance in stopping alleged dumping of grass clippings and debris by abutting neighbors onto his mother’s 418 Huttleston Avenue property. Police reports were filed, but the ConCom expressed their inability to assist Mr. Hildreth, since wetland lines were not verified and they had no jurisdiction. The commission advised Mr. Hildreth to continue to call the police if the events continued.
- Also, the commission accepted a donation of two properties gifted by Francis McGuirk. The properties are located off Edgewater Street and Bonney Street. The lots are unbuildable and undevelopable.

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USCG implements new warning device

Coast Guard Press Release

The Coast Guard is implementing the use of a non-lethal signaling and warning device to support the service’s ports waterways and coastal security mission along Southeastern New England.

The LA51 signal and warning device is fired from a 12-gauge military shotgun to produce a visible and audible signal at a range of 100 meters. Training will be conducted in a designated firing range offshore and it will be used in approved locations throughout Cape Cod, The Islands and Rhode Island.

The LA51 signal and warning device is considered a safer alternative to the current warning

devices used by Coast Guard personnel. It is a shorter range round, and the flash and noise produced by the device are more prominent than a splash in the water caused by the M16 tracer round. Additionally, the Department of Defense’s joint non-lethal weapons program has determined through their testing that the LA51 has a low risk of significant injury.

“The new LA51 warning device is designed to warn boaters in a safe and effective manner if they do not respond to calls on the marine radio from the Coast Guard or comply with our instructions in case of a security violation,” said Capt. Verne Gifford, commander of Coast Guard

Southeastern New England. “Our crews have received extensive training on using the device safely and properly as one of several options for responding to potential maritime threats.”

The Coast Guard has been using the LA51 as a warning signal during alien migrant interdiction operations and counter-drug operations. The LA51 warning device will now be used during security zone enforcement and the execution of the ports waterways and coastal security mission.

View video of the LA51 in use at: http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=1474578 •••



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BPW refuses extra money to B&C, Bella Vista request

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works had a full night of tough subjects on Monday, 5/6, including two water/sewer abatement hearings, interviews for an equipment operator, a dispute with Brown & Caldwell over invoices, and a wetlands replication request by the owner of Bella Vista Island.

The board unanimously promoted Jeffrey Costa to Equipment Operator/Water System Maintenance Craftsman, this time without the reservations expressed about the last hire in the last meeting.

Board members said Mr. Costa's experience and qualifications fit the job, and his standing in the union agreed with the board.

"I've made my share of mistakes. I'm not a perfect worker," Mr. Costa told the board, but added that he learned from his mistakes.

He said he had been "digging" for over a year and had not had any incidents. He also had experience maintaining the water system, something the other candidate, Kyle Winderlick, did not have.

Although Mr. Winderlick did have more experience behind the controls of the backhoe, he was not presently working within the water department and, therefore, did not have the experience with the water system.

Mr. Winderlick told the board he wanted to get back to operating a backhoe. His job in the highway department only allows for occasional operation of the machine.

"I miss being out there. I miss digging," said Mr. Winderlick.

Neither man had the Grade III required, but the board will allow sufficient time for the new operator to get the licenses necessary. According to Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Water Department Superintendent Edward Fortin, the state changed the rules, making it more time consuming and expensive to get certifications.

All board members and Mr. Furtado agreed that both men were good candidates, but the water experience Mr. Costa had tipped the scales in his favor.

The board also discussed the way the union rules make it hard for them

to choose the best person for the job. Mr. Furtado and the board members agreed that it was time to renegotiate the part of the contract that deals with promotions.

In another matter, Don Wuerdeman of Brown & Caldwell, the engineering firm responsible for the anaerobic digester project, appeared before the board to discuss invoices that the board refused to pay at the last meeting.

BPW Chairperson Steven Riley questioned why the same people were being charged out at two different rates.

Mr. Wuerdeman explained that his firm had "salary adjustments" in December.

Board members uniformly expressed resistance to the town being asked to absorb wage increases

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He's arrogant. He's got money...
he tries to buy his way in by hiring guys like him
[Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]

for B&C employees, pointing out that the project is more than two years over schedule, is hundreds of thousands of dollars over budget, and that public works employees received only 1% increases.

"I have a problem paying for pay increases," said BPW member Geoffrey Haworth. "I don't think it's right when we're laying off school teachers."

Mr. Wuerdeman responded that there was nothing in the contract that said he could not do it, to which Mr. Haworth replied that there was nothing that said they could.

Mr. Wuerdeman then said something inaudible and Mr. Haworth snapped back, "That attitude will get you nothing."

"You don't need our authorization?" asked Mr. Haworth, then, he said, they simply would refuse to sign for any payments.

Mr. Freitas backed up Mr. Haworth and it became clear very quickly that the whole board was in agreement.

Mr. Wuerdeman said that if B&C needed to "reconsider," they would.

"There's no ill will intended here," said Mr. Wuerdeman.

"It's not like we're paying you \$20,000," said Mr. Riley, adding that he was sure there would be some "arbitration or litigation" regarding the project and suggesting that the payment of the invoices could simply be added to the list.

BPW members Kathy Sturtevant and Robert "Hoppy" Hobson also voiced their support of not paying the invoices.

The \$7.5+ million project is over budget and more than two years overdue. It is slated to go online in June, but other deadlines have been missed.

Mr. Wuerdeman agreed to resubmit the invoices with the understanding that the higher amount would not be authorized for payment.

The board also discussed new delays with Mr. Wuerdeman, due to equipment not being delivered on time. Subcontractor WES Construction was chided by both Mr. Wuerdeman and board members for not having equipment on site that the company knew would be needed months in advance.

Mr. Wuerdeman told the board he was confident the project would be online mid-June.

The anaerobic digester is designed to take sewerage into the digester, where it will create methane gas that can be burned to create electricity. The project could save the town up to \$300,000 a year on electricity and sludge disposal costs. The town got federal stimulus money for the project in 2009.

The board also refused a request by Wetlands Specialist Brandon Faneuf, appearing on behalf of the Anwar Faisal, the owner of Bella Vista Island. Mr. Faisal is facing wetlands violations with the Conservation Commission and was seeking to restore wetlands behind the recycle center to offset wetlands he filled in or wants to fill in on Bella Vista island.

Mr. Faneuf told the board that Mr. Faisal needed to replicate or restore

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Blessing of the Bikes draws hundreds



The annual Blessing of the Bikes benefits St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven and was held on Sunday, 5/6. According to the school, 450 bikes participated in the blessing and a two-hour ride through backroads. The Ice Chest held an outdoor entertainment after the ride. LEFT: Riders make their way up Spring Street to the front of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven. ABOVE: A rider awaits his turn to be blessed with holy water by Fr. Joseph Pasala, ss.cc. (LEFT), who also serves at St. Mary's, and Fr. Tom McElroy, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Joseph Church. Photos by Brady Iddon. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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12,000 square feet and it looked like the BPW had 15,000 square feet that needed restoring.

"This will be the perfect site," for their "mitigatory compensation area," said Mr. Faneuf. He said the BPW's problem would "go away at no cost to the town."

Mr. Hobson began the debate with an admonition of Mr. Faisal's behavior since he bought the property. Mr. Hobson reminded everyone that Mr. Faisal had "numerous violations" of the wetlands on his property.

Then Mr. Hobson said he was quahogging at the tide line on Bella Vista Island and was harassed and "verbally abused" by Mr. Faisal who ordered Mr. Hobson off the beach.

Mr. Hobson said he refused to leave because he knew he had a right to be there, but he was aware of others who did not know their rights and left. According to Mass. law, the public has a right to fish, fowl and navigate between the high and low tide marks.

"So I have no interest at all in helping this gentleman out," said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Riley tried to say decisions should not be made for personal reasons, but Mr. Hobson persisted.

"It's a town matter," said Mr. Hobson, explaining the public has a right to dig for quahogs on the beach.

"Let him pick another site," he said.

When Mr. Faneuf said it was a "win-win situation" because "Anwar" would "take care" of the problem behind the recycle center, Mr. Hobson interjected, "Anwar's going to take care of Anwar."

Mr. Haworth also cited Mr. Faisal's "rash of violations" but said he would support the project if done properly, and hoped "moving forward" that Mr. Faisal would have a "better relationship" with quahoggers.

He also suggested that Mr. Faisal restore the whole 15,000 square feet.

Mr. Faneuf agreed that Mr. Faisal had gone about things the wrong way in the past due to "hubris, or ignorance or culture shock. I don't know," said Mr. Faneuf. "But they [ConCom] definitely have his attention now."

Mr. Freitas said that "down the road" someone else may come along and agree to restore the wetlands.

In the end there were three motions on the table.

"He's arrogant," said Mr. Hobson, "He's got money...he tries to buy his way in by hiring guys like him," he said of Mr. Faneuf, just before making a motion to deny the request.

That motion failed.

A motion to grant the request to restore the 12,000 square feet failed.

And a motion to allow the restoration if Mr. Faisal restored all 15,000

square feet, also failed.

"You've got to get a new place in town," Mr. Riley told Mr. Faneuf.

The board also had a very lengthy discussion with Robert Roderiques about his property at 96 Howland Road. Mr. Roderiques was seeking an adjustment of a water and sewer bill that was approximately \$10,000 due to two bills of more than \$4,500 plus interest and penalties.

Mr. Roderiques said there was a leak and possibly his daughter's boyfriend maliciously left a faucet on.

Mr. Fortin reminded the board that water usage is audited and they could only abate costs if the town was at fault.

"I need to explain to someone why I adjusted the bill," said Mr. Fortin. "Sympathy for a rate payer is not a reason."

The board voted to reduce the bill for the amount of the penalties, \$1,088.99, only.

Rodney Brown of 181 Washington Street, nearly faced the same fate, but he had a faulty water meter on his side, even though the meter tested as under reporting. A history of his bills, however, showed a sharp decline back to below the minimum after the meter was replaced. He was looking for a rebate on previous bills paid.

The board voted to credit the amount over the minimum. ●●●

A look back at sports: 1955 Little League, San Antonio Club

Another blast from the past to celebrate Fairhaven's Bicentennial. With no Little League in Fairhaven in 1955, a team was formed by the San Antonio Club (now the Town Crier) members Manny Machado and Charley Ribeiro and entered in the Eagles LL in New Bedford.

The first year was not too successful, but the second

year they ended as runner-up in league. Led by pitcher Tony Rego, who went on to Fairhaven High School and became All Bristol County player, and Hank Souza, ABC shortstop at Voke. Also Larry Szczepan, outstanding pitcher-catcher third baseman.

See next page for more old pictures.



The 1956 Little League team San Antonio Club was the first little league team in Fairhaven. FIRST ROW: Jim Martin, George Mello, Sonny Avila, Dan Waclawik, George Mello, Len Corriea, Rich Pires. SECOND ROW: Dan Conceio, Hank Souza, JoeWhite Machado, Tony Rego, Larry Szczepan, Frank Waclawik, Art Parent. LAST ROW: Coach G. Mello. *Photo submitted.*



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Letters to the editor

Solution to Pollution says thanks

Our group, Be the Solution to Pollution, would like to thank everyone who made our Earth Day Clean-Up at Fort Phoenix a success. Store Managers, James Camara and Thomas Joseph from Stop and Shop in Fairhaven, donated water for our volunteers. After learning the cleanup was taking place at Fort Phoenix, they did not hesitate to help.

The families that joined in cleaning went above and beyond to clear out debris. The children were terrific and we appreciate their participation. All of the adults and teens were great role models throughout the morning.

The threat of rain did not discourage or dampen anyone's spirits. We worked as a team and had some laughs along the way.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to clean up the shoreline and welcome volunteers to join future

clean-ups.

Thank you Beth David for writing a wonderful article about the Earth Day Clean-up and for including pictures.

Mary Lou Nicholson, Coordinator for Be the Solution to Pollution

Hahn clarifies statements

I'm writing to clarify my statements at Fairhaven's Town Meeting regarding the school department's FY13 budget. I made a motion to approve a level funded budget using the FY12 figure.

When I spoke regarding the motion the first statement I made was that I am not advocating for staff cuts. Instead, my message to the school department Saturday and at their April 11th Public Hearing was that, instead of reducing their already ineffective MANDATED services for special education services which also impact typical students in the classroom, the time has come for at least partial user fees to fund NON-

Mandated services such as extracurricular activities and kindergarten.

My reasoning was spelled out in letters to the editor I submitted to the Fairhaven Neighborhood News during the two weeks prior to Town Meeting [4/26/12 issue], which can be read at www.neighbnews.com, the sole forum I chose to use, as this was strictly a Fairhaven issue.

The gist of my letters was that I do not want more of my tax dollars going toward funding at 100% the non-mandated programs that service only a fraction of our students, while mandated services that would benefit 100% of our students are slashed and teaching positions cut. I stand by my position while I respect the vote of the elected Town Meeting Members who approved the Selectmen and Finance Committee's recommended budget, which was less than the school department's original budget figure.

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

Remembering Fairhaven's past

These photos were submitted by Channing "Chan" Hayward. If you have some old photos you'd like to share with our readers, contact us at: Fairhaven Neighborhood

News, 166 Dogwood Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; NeighbNews@comcast.net



LEFT: Graduates of Fairhaven High School, 1947. Back row: Roy Maxfield and Tom Ingham. Front Row: Priscilla Winslow, Chan Hayward, Martha Cummings. ABOVE: George Rebello, who used to manage the VFW in Fairhaven in the early 1950s. Photos courtesy of Chan Hayward.

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