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Weather holds out for 123 Fairhaven grads



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Fairhaven High School graduates file onto the football field on Sunday, 6/3, for commencement ceremonies. One-hundred-twenty-three graduated from FHS on a sunny Sunday that was sandwiched between rainy, cold weather. See page 16 for story and more photos. *Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ NeighbNews](http://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

Okay, this tourism/Academy thing has gone so far beyond ridiculous I don't know whether to laugh or cry (see page 4). You want Fairhaven's Tourism Director to work in New Bedford? Really? What planet are you people on?

Selectboard: grow a spine (or something else), and tell the Historical Society it's time to share, or move. Period.

(Lord Almighty, I'm agreeing with Brian Bowcock... what has this world come to?)

Just get it done already.

This is ridiculous.

On the other hand...I see great possibilities for my editorial page...Even more fun than picking on the School Committee back in '06, '07 & '08... (ah, the good ole days).

Yeah, I take it back. Keep on keeping on until December when Chris Richard has to move his stuff out of the building and have a sidewalk sale.

Better yet, maybe he can plan it around the Old Time Holiday and set up a booth in the town hall with the non-profits. If he plans it just right, he might raise enough money to stay put for a week or two.

Seriously, though, I do see advantages to regionalism. We can put our visitor's center in New Bedford. I'm sure they'll let us stay there for free and Chris can shuttle back and forth in one of the whaleboats rowed by the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club. If he gets all dressed up in his period clothes, it'll look just fine...even promotional. Picture it...

He can point to Fairhaven from the prow of a whaleboat gliding across the harbor, and the visitors will know right where to go. He can go back and forth. First, he'll point to New Bedford (regionalism), then he'll point to Fairhaven (job sharing)...back and forth...

Hmm...even better, let's put a barge in the harbor and stick him on it out there. Tourists will surely have a better chance of finding him there than in some closet in town hall, or in some building in another city.

Heaven help us all.

In all fairness, though, it was a full moon on Monday night. They say that certain types of individuals are prone to exceptionally irrational behavior during a full moon. Maybe we should start scheduling meetings with the cycle of the moon in mind.

Anyway, in this issue you'll find all kinds of stuff, including our cover story by Team Winnett, mother-daughter team. See page 16 for that.

Speaking of grads. I had this great little (okay long) produndity-laden thing I was going to write for our graduates, filled with wisdom and envious advice. But, alas, when I got out of the shower I didn't write it down right away and now I've run out of time to remember it.

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CORRECTIONS

The West Island party picture published last week was taken on Alder, not Balsam. AARRGGHH!! I knew that!

Also we made several mistakes in our Hall of Fame article on page 3 last week. The cocktail hour is at 5, the dinner is at 6; Steve Vining graduated in 1964; Tiffany Therrien's name was spelled wrong. We apologize for these errors.

LETTER: cont'd from previous page

I guess I'll just fill the space with that picture of the extra high tide I took the other day, which will, of course drive home the point of all that full moon stuff (see above).

But before I go, two things.

First, I think this is the first time I've had to fire up the wood stove after I've planted my garden. My poor plants. I hope they make it. It's cold out there.

One last thing. If you have any listings for anything happening after 6/14, you need to get them in NOW. We are not publishing on 6/21 & 6/28 for our summer break.

We ARE publishing next week, 6/14. Got it? NOT on 6/21 & 6/28, YES on 6/14. I'll need all listings for the rest of June up through 7/5 BY THIS SATURDAY, 6/9. We will resume publishing on 7/5.

Okay, out of space. Be sure to thumb through right to the last page and let our advertisers know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

See ya

Where'd the road go?



The road to the dock is washed out at the little marina on Goulart Memorial Drive at about 7:30 on Sunday, 6/3. The full moon caused huge tides that coincided with the high winds and a Nor'easter causing flooding in some parts of Mass. and tossing seaweed and water over the causeway. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Tourism Office still has no destination; Espindola can use K&P

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

The selection of a new tourism office has been postponed to July as selectboard members were unable to reach a decision for a new location at Monday night's meeting, 6/4. Obviously reluctant to pick the Academy Building as the new site, the board even raised the idea of looking to New Bedford for possible solutions.

When asked by the board for his opinion on a new site, Tourism Director Christopher Richard once again lobbied for a move to the Academy Building once the rent money for the Visitor's Center runs out in December.

"My opinion hasn't really changed since the last time I came before you, and it hasn't changed for a number of years," said Mr. Richard, as he ticked off the reasons why he felt the Academy Building was the best site: the higher traffic area on Route 6, the off-street parking, its central location in town, proximity to historic sites such as the Whitfield-Manjiro House and Riverside Cemetery, and the fact that it is a town-owned property.

"Money that we would have spent on rent could be put towards the maintenance of a town building," said Mr. Richard. "No other building has the benefits that the Academy would offer."

Town Hall was mentioned as a possible location, but he pointed out the drawbacks to that plan, including issues of public access to the building on Saturdays, which would be necessary for the Visitors' Center.

"There are no other town buildings that have the location availability or space at this point," said Mr. Richard. "A visitor center that had a town museum attached to it would make the visitor center more attractive. Likewise, if the museum had the Visitors' Center there, it would make the museum more visible. That's basically my choice and I'm sticking with it."

Selectboard Chair Brian Bowcock agreed that the Academy Building made sense as the new home for the Visitors' Center.

"There's plenty of room, and the historical commission already meets there and the militia already meets there and all the groups there could enhance one another. I think the building could accommodate more

than just the museum," he said.

Selectboard member Charles Murphy wanted to know what kind of changes would be needed if the town decided to move the Visitors' Center to the Academy Building, and Mr. Richard explained that the historical society would have to move some antique furniture and their first floor museum exhibits to the second floor, and that the town would need to eventually add a ramp to allow wheelchair access.

Fellow board member Bob Espindola pushed for more time to further explore the Town Hall option and even suggested that the town look into a possible joint venture with the City of New Bedford as a cost saving measure.

"The City of New Bedford is looking for a new tourism director," said Mr. Espindola. "What about a joint

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[Brian Bowcock]

venture with New Bedford? I wonder if there's an opportunity to step back and reach out to see if we can combine forces here and split a tourism director with New Bedford."

The board directed Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch to contact the New Bedford Mayor's Office to discuss the possibility and tabled the discussion until July.

The board reopened the discussion carried over from last meeting as to whether or not to allow Mr. Espindola to use Koppelman & Page as his legal counsel. Mr. Espindola previously had asked to use a third party legal firm as Town Counsel Thomas P. Crotty is representing the town in a wind-turbine-related lawsuit that involved Mr. Espindola before he was elected to the board. The selectboard voted last meeting, with Mr. Espindola recusing himself, not to allow the use of a third party law firm, but the matter was put to vote again

on Monday night after Mr. Espindola said that the State Ethics Commission informed him that he was eligible to vote on the issue of using Koppelman & Page.

Mr. Murphy, who initially had voted against the request last month, noted that his concerns over the cost of hiring another private attorney were addressed as Mr. Espindola was able to negotiate fees comparable to what the town would have paid had he used Mr. Crotty.

Dr. Bowcock, however, reiterated his opposition to Mr. Espindola's request.

"This is a private matter you began before you were a selectman," he told Mr. Espindola. "I don't think it would be appropriate to use town counsel to represent you as an individual."

Mr. Espindola argued that he would be going to an outside counsel and that it was a public matter, not a private one.

The board voted 2-1 to allow Mr. Espindola to use Koppelman & Page for legal counsel, with Dr. Bowcock dissenting.

"I want it on the record that I still feel this is the use of public funds for a private matter," he said.

A public hearing for tree removals along Fort Street met unexpected opposition, as approximately a dozen residents showed up to voice their objections to the project — which would have entailed reconstructing a portion of Fort Street, reconstructing existing sidewalks to make them ADA-compliant, and creating new sidewalks in sections currently covered with grassy strips and trees. The project, which had been approved at town meeting, was roundly rejected by homeowners on the street, who argued that they didn't want street improvement or new sidewalks.

Dr. Bowcock, along with Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau, explained that the Board of Public Works had identified Fort Street as one of the roads in town that are not safe.

"Ties under the roadway are actually rotting out underneath," said Mr. Charbonneau.

Not addressing the problem now could cause damage to water and sewer pipes, as has happened before, added Dr. Bowcock. Furthermore, the Chapter 90 money the BPW planned

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Send listings to NeighbNews@comcast.net

Fairhaven Idol 2012 DATE CHANGE

Sorry, another correction

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, JUNE 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 21 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 fhvnidol@comcast.net.

Hall of Fame TIME CORRECTION

The Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame will hold its banquet on Sunday, July 1 at the Century House in Acushnet. Cocktail hour is 5-6 followed by dinner at 6, induction and award ceremonies. We printed the wrong time in last week's issue. We apologize for any confusion or error caused.

Rogers Carnival

The Second Annual Rogers School Carnival will be held on June 9, from 11 am until 3 pm. Rain date June 10th, at the Rogers School Playground, 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven

Carnival Games and Food, Fun Bus,

Face painting, Bouncy House, Plant Sale. **FUN ABOUND.** **Dunk Tank with special guests.** Open to the Public

SAVE DATES: Bicentennial Events

Incorporation Ceremony now online: Fairhaven was incorporated on Feb. 22, 1812. On Feb. 25, 2012, residents performed a light-hearted re-enactment of the somber event of 200 years before. A video of that ceremony is now available, thanks to the students at Fairhaven High School. Visit: www.useducationtv.com/default.aspx?sid=2386#ff5e00b20f8c41269c252de2b19ddfc0_0

Upcoming Events

June 17: Fathers Day/Bicentennial Road Race

June 30: Firefighters parade and muster

July 4: Car Cruise

July 5-8: Vietnam Veteran Moving Wall at Cushman park

July 8: Bicentennial Parade

Antique car & driver needed

The Bicentennial Parade committee is looking for someone with a 1956 or 1957 Chevy convertible to drive the Grand Marshall in the parade route on July 8. Please call Martha Crowley at 508-992-4744.

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

Grand Opening

West Marine announced the grand opening celebration of its newest location in Fairhaven from **Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10.** The brand new store is located at 114 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven with grand opening events taking place 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday and 9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The 15,000 square-foot store features a large selection of fishing gear and engine parts, plus an extensive selection of marine electronics, sailing gear, boating supplies, as well as casual and technical apparel.

Mandarin class

Looking for a Mandarin class for a young child to join, preferably 5-7 years. Am willing to try to get a group

together if we can find a teacher.

Please contact Henry Kasem at 508-992-6917, email hakminn@aol.com

Tennis Ten & Under

The Fairhaven Tennis Association is offering tennis lesson for juniors who are Ten and Under. We encourage parents from Fairhaven and from surrounding communities to register their child.

Download a registration form online at www.fairhaventennis.org. For additional information call 508-280-3150.

Disabilities Awareness Fair

On Sat., 6/9. See page 14 for details.

\$1/Bag of Books

The Oxford Book Haven & Café, located downstairs in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, will hold a Dollar-A-Bag book sale on **Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Book Café is open every Saturday. You can also help with our on-going puzzle or join in a game of scrabble, chess, or checkers. Home-made desserts, coffee and other beverages always available. Visit www.goodshepherdfairhaven.com; or call 508-991-8596

Bake Sale/Can Drive

Troop 52 of St. Mary's Parish in Fairhaven will be having a Bake Sale and Bottle/Can Drive on **Sunday, 6/10, from 8:30-11:30 AM.** Baked goods will be available for sale in the church hall, located at the back of the church parking lot and down the stairs.

There will also be a large container for all bottles and cans for redemption. All proceeds will benefit the Scouts going to summer camp.

For more info call 508-997-1092.

Flag Day

June 14th is National Flag Day. Let Fairhaven take the lead in a unified show of support for our country, our troops and the Fairhaven Bicentennial by flying the U.S. Flag from your home or business.

As a public service, any flags that

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STILL AROUND TOWN

you may have that are not in a condition to display may be taken to the Fairhaven Fire Dept. Headquarters, 146 Washington Street, for proper disposal.

Show your National Pride and display the Flag this June 14th.

Friends of Millicent

Passes to museums and parks, photo and essay contests, are only some of the community supportive activities available through the efforts of the Friends of the Millicent Library. Come and be a part of this

dedicated group.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Millicent Library will be on Saturday, June 9th, 10:30, at the conference room in the Library. Enter through the Walnut Street entrance, which is accessible. All are welcome.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

At Ft. Taber

The following events will take place at Ft. Taber/Ft. Rodman, 1000C South Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford.

June 9: D Day WW2 (re-enactment)

June 24: King Phillips War

July 14 & 15: Roman living history

July 22: Revolutionary War.

All events start at 9:00 am. Visit

For more information on the museum visit www.forttaber.org/index.shtml or call 508-994-3938

Class of 1950

The New Bedford Vocational Technical High School is planning a class reunion in October 2012 for the class of 1950. This class has never had a reunion and organizers are looking for classmates.

Please contact Rhea Teves-Cate at 508-996-4842 if you or someone you know graduated from NB Voke in 1950.

Bay Sox Tix 4 Blood

Right now, the Southcoast Blood Bank will give blood donors **two free tickets to a New Bedford Bay Sox home game.**

Join Southcoast Hospitals Group on Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. for "Southcoast Hospitals Night at the Bay Sox." Attendees will receive giveaways including beach balls, sunscreen and sports towels. The Southcoast Health Van will be onsite during the game to provide free health screenings to the community.

The tickets are available at all Southcoast blood donor locations, including the Southcoast Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford and the Southcoast Health Van. Tickets can be used at any home game during the season and are not redeemable for cash.

Southcoast Hospitals Group is the official hospital of the New Bedford

Bay Sox, a member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League since 1997. The Bay Sox play their home games at Paul Walsh Field in New Bedford. A complete schedule is available at www.nbbaysox.com.

You have a choice! Donate local.

The Southcoast Blood Bank is the only local blood donor program that directly supports the communities of the South Coast region. When you donate at a Southcoast location, you could be saving a neighbor's life.

AHA! Night

June 14th AHA! Night - Walking Tours In partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, www.ahanewbedford.org

Join us for AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford. For the month of June we invite you to take a tour of Downtown. Explore New Bedford's rich history and outstanding architecture. Local experts lead tours on cobblestone streets, through galleries and perhaps some lesser known byways. Stroll the William & Purchase Street corridors for plenty of arting, eating & shopping. June 14th is also Flag Day so look for activities around the 'stars & stripes'.

Highlights include:

Take a Tour! • Underground Railroad Walking Tour with the NB Historical Society • NB Whaling National Historical Park presents a Lantern Tour with 1850s Ladies • 19th Century Neighborhood Architectural Walking Tour with the NB Preservation Society & the RJD • Architectural Preservation Walking Tour with the Waterfront Historic Area League • Take a trolley to the NB Museum of Glass • Artist Gallery Tours at Gallery 65 • Sanctuary & Stained Glass Tour @ Pilgrim UCC

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First Unitarian Church NB • Author Talk with Dawn Tripp @ the NB Whaling Museum • Gifts to Give 2nd Annual Independently United Pop-Up Gallery @ Webster Bank • Whalesmen's Wall of Fame Induction @ Casa Dos Botes

We Art NB! • New art & exhibits @ Gallery X, Judith Klein Art Gallery, NBAM, Pour Farm Tavern, UMass Dartmouth CVPA, & Yoga on Union

Health Assessments

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association announces the June schedule for free health assessments, screenings and wellness education for seniors.

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

• **Thursday, June 14**, from 10 a.m. to noon at Immigrants Assistance Center, 58 Crapo Street.

• **Wednesday, June 20**, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hazelwood Senior Center, 553 Brock Avenue.

For more information: 800-698-6877.

Health Van

The Southcoast Health Van and Southcoast Blood Bank announce the June schedule for community screenings and blood drives. For more information please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-679-7131 Ext. 2740 or email info@southcoast.org.

• **Sunday, June 10:** Cancer Survivor Day, Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, Health Screenings, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Thursday, June 14:** Bay Village/Boa Vista Housing, 134 South Second Street, Health Screenings 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Yard Sale F-R

The Friends of the Acushnet Elderly will hold their annual yard sale on **Saturday, June 9, at the Acushnet Senior Center**, 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Rain or shine; more than 15 vendors are participating.

Christmas items, knick knacks, clothing, furniture and a little bit of everything else. Call 508-998-0280 for more information.

Westport River Day

On **Saturday June 9, from 9-3**, the Westport River Watershed Alliance invites the public to River Day at the **Head of Westport Landing**, to celebrate the Westport River with a vast array of family-fun activities.

Those wishing to paddle to the event can register at 9am at the Hix Bridge Landing with paddlers departing for the Head of Westport at 10am. This is a 1.2 mile non-competitive paddle for all ages. Registered paddlers receive a free River Day t-shirt and lunch at the Head. Registration is \$35 for WRWA members and \$40 for non-members.

Under the tent at the Head of Westport Landing, environmental exhibitors will be displaying their goods and offering information for festival visitors. Children's activities, launching of small boats, built by 5th grade students from the Paul Cuffee Charter School in Providence, and other activities. Entertainment will be ongoing.

For more info and to preregister for the paddle visit www.westportwatershed.org.

World Oceans Day

Be the Solution to Pollution and the National Marine Life Center are hosting an event to celebrate **World Oceans Day on June 9th from 11am to 3pm**. The event is free and open to all ages. The day will include recycling crafts, hands on activities, a recycling race and entertainment. For more info: freymarylou@yahoo.com or Kzabzeski@nmlc.org

Networking Clamboil

"Summer Networking and Clam Boil Dinner," program by Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum

(SNEEF) at UMass Dartmouth on **Thurs., 6/14, 5:30 p.m., Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center**, 151 Martine Street, Fall River. Bill Staby, founder and CEO of Resolute Marine Energy, speaking on innovation and entrepreneurship in Southeastern Massachusetts. SNEEF members \$30, non-member members \$35. Register at www.sneef.org.

Camp Angel Wings Openings still available

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

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

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

Buzzards Bay Swim

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Complimentary garden tours, which will last approximately 40 minutes, will be conducted rain or shine beginning at **10:00 am on Saturday, June 9, Saturday, June 30, Saturday, July 28, and Saturday, August 25, 2012.** Each week the tour will examine a new topic in the world of gardening. Participants should meet in the newly redesigned gazebo area adjacent to the theatre on the grounds at Theatre By The Sea, 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, RI.

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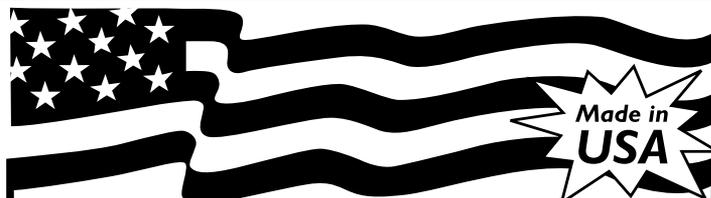
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1 tsp baking soda
1/4 to 1/2 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp allspice
1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
1/2 tsp salt
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 12 cup bundt pan. Mix together both sugars, eggs, margarine or apple sauce, banana, flour, baking soda, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, allspice, pumpkin pie spice and salt until well blended and smooth. Mix in nuts.

Pour into prepared pan and bake 50-60 minutes or until done.

Cool 5 minutes in pan.

Place in dsired plate.

By Judy Rose

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Softball

On Tuesday the Lady Blues took on Cardinal Spellman at Hastings. The M.I.A.'s second game, FHS played superb ball and defeated Spellman 4-2.

Mullen Shines

Kay Mullen had a super day, three hits, stole home in sixth inning, making it 4-2, and made great diving catch in the seventh. Courtney Girouard had another super-pitched game and a big RBI hit. Morgan Haaland did a great job catching, throwing out Spellman runner in attempted steal in critical seventh inning.

Should be playing in Taunton on Thursday or Friday in semi-finals.

In first game of the two south sectionals the FHS Lady Blues rolled over Norwell 12-2. Courtney Girouard picked up her 18th win, and also led the hit parade with three hits. Kayli Moniz, Ashley Brown, Kay Mullen, Kayli-Anna Barriteau, and Kelsey Perron-Sovik all had super hits.

FHS Baseball

The FHS Baseball team got a 2-0 victory over Canton in D3 preliminary game at Pope Park on Friday. Ryan

Baldwin threw a three-hit shutout and hit a 360-foot homer to climax a big win.

Coach Rudy Bulgar's Blues got great play from Matt Myers, Cam Charette, Drew Wethington, Ryan Magano, and Billy Lessa.

Were set to play Tuesday at Burlington, which was a make-up game for Saturday.

FHS Boys Tennis

FHS Defeated Plymouth-North in first round of MIIA, 4-1. The Bluemen got single wins from Anthony Joseph, Adam Lima, and Alex McGannon. Double win from Matt DaCosta and Dan McLaughlin.

On Monday the Blues lost to Scituate 4-1 in quarter finals of Division 2 MIAA's. DaCosta and McLaughlin had double wins again.

These guys ended up with an amazing 19-1 doubles record.

FHS Girls Tennis

The Lady Blues defeated Westport 4-1 in the first round of MIAA's. Michelle Westgate garnered her 20th straight win, Kara Charette got a big singles win also. In doubles Missy Berry and Farrah Gillette and Laura Saucier and Maddee McLaughlin won matches.

The Fairhaven High School softball team gets a hit in the game against Cardinal Spellman at Hastings Middle School on Tuesday, 6/5.
Photo by Heidi Winnett.

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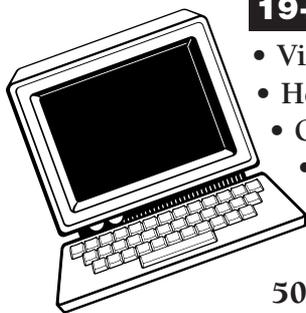
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Acushnet TM approves rent control, not town clerk raise

By Beth David

Editor

Acushnet Town Meeting on Monday, 6/4, approved a \$26,557,150 town budget that did not include a raise for the town clerk.

Most of the voting on the 35 articles on the annual and special town meeting warrants moved along quickly and with unanimous votes, but a few items caused lengthy discussion, including the town clerk's proposed raise and the rent control bylaw.

The acquisition of the Perry Hill Church property by eminent domain, also received some scrutiny and dissent, but eventually passed by the required 2/3 majority.

The vote called for \$40,000 to be put in escrow for six years because no owners of the property can be found. The key was passed on from one pastor to the next, who eventually passed it onto the Historical Commission last year according to officials.

Selectboard member Leslie Dakin told TM that the building was "in remarkably good condition for a building of that age."

He said it appears in a lot of publications and is the kind of property that adds to Acushnet's "unique charm and character" and makes "Acushnet Acushnet."

Pauline Teixeira of the Historical Commission told TM that the



property, which dates back to at least 1851, will be another "landmark for which we can all be proud," when it is restored.

One town meeting member, however, was not so sure.

"Eminent Domain is the government taking someone's property," he said. "This is a precedent we're setting."

Kevin Dakin, chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee said the property was "obviously" abandoned and a search for the owners came up dry.

"The key was given to the historical commission a year ago," said Kevin Dakin, adding that the \$40,000 is about what the property is worth. The reason for holding the money in escrow was in case someone came forward to claim the property within the six years.

TM also authorized \$25,000 to restore the building.

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte made a plea to TM for a raise. Amid an almost comical shuffle between when she could be in the room and when she couldn't, Ms. Labonte made her case saying she had remade the office into a more professional department.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the raise, saying it constituted a 15% increase, while other departments were not getting any increases. Ms. Labonte had also recently been added to the town's health insurance plan at a cost of \$11,500 per year.

"I am not looking to take too much from the town," said Ms. Labonte. "I do feel the position warrants an increase."

"I am running an office," she said. "I am a department head."

Her current salary is \$28,088, and



BOVE: Kevin Dakin, chairperson of Acushnet's Community Preservation Committee addresses town meeting on Monday, 6/4. All CPC-recommended articles passed. BELOW LEFT: Paul Pelletier addressed town meeting. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

she was seeking to make \$32,301. The position is considered part time.

Steve Boucher spoke against the raise saying it was a mid-term request that she knew the salary when she ran for the position, and she had already received a "significant increase."

"I just don't think it's appropriate," said Mr. Boucher.

Ms. Labonte showed salaries of town clerks in comparably sized towns in Mass. to show that she was underpaid.

"I look to the future of this town," said Ms. Labonte. "I am currently receiving health benefits because I am entitled to health benefits."

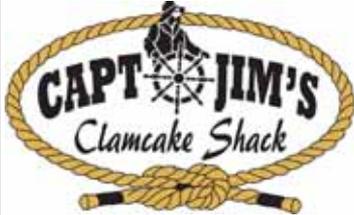
FinCom chairperson Robert St. Jean assured Ms. Labonte that most department heads in Acushnet made less than in other towns, too.

"So you're not alone in being underfunded in your position," said Mr. St. Jean.

The measure failed.

Seniors showed up in force, and by Council on Aging bus, to be sure to approve \$26,660 for the replacement of 27 sliding glass doors at the

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Housing Authority apartments on Main Street.

AHA acting director Lynn Sigman told town meeting that the AHA is "self-sufficient" financially, but they needed help with the cost of replacing the doors.

The old doors leak, moisture builds up, and sometimes they freeze in winter, making it impossible to open them. The moisture has caused damage to some floors, and also requires a lot of effort on the part of the residents to keep out water.

The question of who owns the buildings came up, as HA properties are joint state and municipality ventures.

Town Counsel Lauren Goldberg of Koppelman and Paige acknowledged that there is "some debate" about local or state ownership of the buildings, however, for Community Preservation Act purposes, she said there is no question that they qualify as "community housing."

"What's not debatable," said Kevin Dakin, "is that these are town residents."

The measure passed.

Acquisition of the LaPalme property's 46.6 acres adjacent to the Acushnet River near the Acushnet Sawmill passed easily and quickly with \$125,000 in CPA funds.

Selectboard member David Wojnar told TM that it was the kind of opportunity "that comes up once in a lifetime."

Two bylaws, one for rent control and an anti-litter law also got some debate.

The rent control bylaw passed, although it will have to be approved by the attorney general.

Much of the discussion revolved around the specific problems and residents of the three motor home

parks in town.

Residents complained of arbitrary and excessive rent increases with no visible benefits. They complained of sewerage odors and other maintenance problems.

Park owners insisted they needed to raise rents to keep up with expenses and to make a living, pointing out that the parks are small businesses that have to support families.

"I understand it can be difficult for people to pay the rent. It can be difficult for everyone, including the owner," said Dennis Tetrault, co-owner of one of the parks. He said the bylaw is telling small businesses what they can and can't make. "It just isn't fair."

FinCom member Michael Boucher hopped down from his spot on the stage to get to the mike on the floor to speak against the measure.

"It's government controlling small business. It's wrong," said Dr. Boucher.

One woman took exception to the classification of the parks as small businesses.

"We're not talking about selling flowers on the sidewalk," she said. "We're talking about people. Human beings. We are not a business. We are human beings. This is very sad."

In the end the rent-control measure passed 43-33 and will go to the AG's office.

The anti-litter bylaw passed after town meeting agreed to remove the section that included private property.

"What if litter blows in my yard," asked Dennis Deschamps. "Who determines how much time I have to pick it up by?"

Kevin Dakin got to the mike and said "I would say no amount of time."



Steve Boucher of the Acushnet Board of Public Works addresses town meeting on 6/4. Photo by Beth David.

Mr. Deschamps, however, insisted it was a "poorly written" bylaw.

"Because you can't tell me what to do on my own property," he declared to a round of applause.

The measure passed without the private property section.

In other business Town Meeting:

- Appropriated \$15,344 for a server to automatically back up town hall computers nightly
- Appropriated \$6,498 for a copy machine for the Police Department.
- Appropriated \$2,750 for an emergency generator for the Emergency Management Agency.
- Tabled an article that would have appropriated \$40,000 from CPC funds to preserve town records deemed historic by microfilming and digitizing them.
- Appropriated \$25,000 for the Council on Aging roof.
- Appropriated \$28,909 from CPC funds for upgrades to the existing security system and lighting at Pope Park.
- Appropriated \$11,500 for a commercial lawn mower for the highway department. •••

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By Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

Despite a forecast for clouds and rain, the Fairhaven High School Class of 2012 decided to hold their graduation outside, braving the wind that knocked caps off some graduates' heads, but ending up under sunny skies.

As an unwritten tradition, the class of 123 cheered very loudly whenever "the Class of 2012" was mentioned.

Andrew Ferreira, salutatorian, proudly welcomed the class of 2012 encouraging them to follow their dreams.

"The most important thing I've learned is anything can be accomplished with hard work and determination," Mr. Ferreira told his classmates. "All of the people we surround ourselves with and those we have yet to meet all have the chance to teach us something."

Valedictorian Alysha Gomes opened by saying, "I'll try not to bore you for the next few minutes."

She recalled many memories the graduates made together and said,

desire".

Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin cited the accomplishments of Neil Armstrong and other prominent members of society before commending the group on their accomplishments.

Some of the "footprints" made by the class of 2012 are: 16 banners in the gym, many music awards, a drama club that has extended to the middle school, and the chess champions.

Dr. Baldwin told the graduates, "You are our



Some of the boys are distracted by a beach ball floating over them during commencement ceremonies at Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 6/3. Photos this page by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.

Happy Grad



"We finally made it," and reminded her class, "Our hometown will always be there for us."

Ms. Gomes quoted the poem *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum and her mother, "Ask as many questions as possible,"

She closed saying, "Life is amazing and can grant you all you

Neil Armstrong," and encouraged them to act upon their dreams.

He named the class "The Little Blue High School that Absolutely Is," after "The Little Engine that Could."

Principal Tara Kohler entered FHS with the graduating class in 2008. She Kohler talked about the differences in the school over the past 100 years, including new technology and women's right to vote.

She asked the class, "What progress will you contribute to?"

Ms. Kohler announced that the class had earned \$1,192,768 in scholarships.

The class donated \$3,400 as their class gift to the 21st Century Learning Organization, the incoming freshman class of 2016, the Matty Olivera fund, the After Prom Committee, and the Perfect Attendance Committee. They also donated a brick for the class of 2012 in the memorial brick park.

Graduating senior Dylan Cardoso, who is joining the Army, said "It feels good" to have graduated.

Ryan Cabral, who will be attending Bridgewater State University in the fall said graduating is "Scary, but exciting." He was accepted into the BSU honors program.

David Bourgeois enthusiastically said, "It feels good" to graduate, and "I'm number one." ●●●



Both boys and girls express themselves on their morarboards at Fairhaven High School's graduation on Sunday, 6/3.

The Fairhaven High School Graduating Class of 2012

Rachael M. Abrantes
High Honors

Louie R. Adao
Dillon L. Aiello
Aaron G. Alferes
Magnus J. Alferes
Meghan M. Allen
Taylor K. Almeida
Honors

Christina M. Alves
Sylvia M. Alves
Austin C. Amaral
Brandyn T. Arruda
Nicholas R. Baptiste
Sharon L. Batista
Fernanda Bochas
Darien K. Bourgault
High Honors
David D. Bourgeois
Jocelyn L. Bruscato
Christian J. Cabral
Honors

Ryan J. Cabral
Honors
Adam S. Camara
Dylan J. Cardoso
Kara N. Charette
High Honors
Austin R. Cintron
Elizabeth S. Clark
Kaylie A. Costa
Jeffrey A. Couture Jr.
Phillip J. Cramer
Anthony F. DaRosa
Gabrielle L. Desmarais
High Honors
Barry W. Dextraze Jr.
Meghan H. Dorian
Highest Honors
Matthew E. Dos Santos
Alexis E. Dupras

Matthew da Costa
High Honors
Anthony Q. daSilva
Andrew R. Espindola
Highest Honors
Kelsey A. Faunce
Andrew T. Ferreira
Highest Honors,
Salutatorian
Stephanie L. Ferreira
Alexandra A. Fonseca
Honors

Joseph M. Foote
Sadie A. Fortin
Kristen M. Fredette
Jessie L. Freitas
High Honors
Kelly A. Freitas
High Honors
Shelby J. Galvin
Alysha N. Gomes
Highest Honors,
Valedictorian
Sarah J. Gordon
Nicole A. Guerreiro
Matthew S. Guilherme
Megan L. Haaland
High Honors
Kathleen E. Hammond
Honors
Mara K. Hartig
Honors
Tyler J. Haskell
Shealyn D. Higgins
Timothy C. Hopp
Seth M. Jardin
Dylan E. P. Johnson
Naomi R. Keeney
Tanner S. Kislal
Honors
Kyle J. Koczera

Elizabeth M. LaFlamme
Honors
Jane R. Lamarre-DeJesus
Joshua J. Langlois
Rebecca L. Larson
Highest Honors
William N. Lessa
High Honors
Allison A. Lima
Kiara J. Lima
Honors
Branden A. Lincoln
Samantha Littell
Aaron M. Lobo
Joshua M. Luchansky
Heather E. Macedo
Shane M. Magalhaes
Ryan P. Magano
High Honors
Kyle D. Maguire
Jessica D. Marmelo
Nadine M. Maziarz
Highest Honors
Kevin A. McConkey Jr.
Honors
Jessica L. McKenna
Brianna D. McQuillan
Kymberly M. Mercado
Kayli R. Moniz
High Honors
Tiara L. Monteiro
Danielle R. Moreau
Honors
Nathan R. Nadeau
Alysha C. Navedo
Corey J. Nunes
Sean W. O'Neale
High Honors
Brian F. Oliveira
Tori M. Paiva

Kevin M. Pepin
Honors
Kayla Pereira
Amelia R. Phaneuf
High Honors
Lindsey N. Pires
Jessica L. Poirier
Alexa P. Rebelo
Alicia C. Rego
Highest Honors
Erin C. Rego
Dillon W. Reinhard
Connor P. Riley
Abby M. Saba
Garrick T. Santos
Kayla P. Senna
Bethany K. Silva
Alexandra L. Smith
Tyler J. Smith
Honors
Devin P. Soares
Ashley M. Souza
High Honors
Kelsey-korin O. Sovik
Highest Honors
Eric J. Staffon
Leeanne Swire
Honors
Jill E. Sylvia
Honors
Thomas M. Sylvia
Rachel L. Tarallo
Caitlynn E. Thatcher
High Honors
Dylan M. Tichon
Honors
Emma R. H. Vezina
High Honors
Michelle S. Westgate
Isabelle T. Wilkinton
Brittany G. Wilson
Katherine E. Wordell
Honors



Beach balls tossed in the air were part of the fun at Fairhaven High School's graduation on Sunday, 6/3. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Never go
to your
high school
reunion pregnant
or they will
think that is
all you have
done since
you graduated.

Erma Bombeck

Fairhaven's new pumpout boat ready for action

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's new pumpout boat is ready for action. The \$79,000, custom-made 23-footer, was paid for with a grant from the Clean Vessel Act and a 25% match from the town approved by Town Meeting. The boat is used to pump out sewerage from boats in local waters to prevent them from dumping it into the water.

Town and state officials joined with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the boat's builder at the Pease Park boat ramp on Thursday, 5/31, to officially launch the boat into service. The center console design with its 425 gallon tank can pump up to 35 boats a day on a busy holiday weekend. Usually, the boat will average 10-12 per day, according to Fairhaven Harbormaster David Darmofal. The new boat replaces an old one.

Carrying a 200-horsepower motor, the boat also has special protective bumpers all around to prevent scuffing up of the boats being pumped out. The feature was a special request of the Harbormaster.

Tom Beaulieu of the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries said the no-

discharge zones and the pumpout services created by the CVA have had a big impact on New Bedford Harbor.

"It's come a long way," said Mr. Beaulieu.

He credited Fairhaven with getting in the program "early on," resulting in about \$250,000 for the town.

According to Mr. Darmofal the state's various grant programs have resulted in 75% reimbursement for the operation of his department.

"It's great to have the harbor becoming clean again," said Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock.

"It's not the boats now" that are polluting the bay said Mark Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. "It's stuff going on on land."

He said Fairhaven boaters have taken the no-discharge zones seriously, but "We have a lot more work to do baywise."

The creation of no-discharge zones in Buzzards Bay is one of the key reasons the water has become clean enough to swim in and harvest shellfish from, according to officials.

Mr. Darmofal said everyone expects that the environmentalists

appreciate it, "But I know the boaters do," too he added.

Mr. Darmofal also made a point of thanking town meeting for voting for the town's 25% share.

"I know it isn't easy to do in these economic times."

Pumpout services are provided at no cost to the boat owner, and Mr. Darmofal emphasized that no tips are allowed. To ask for a pumpout, boaters should use Channel 9 on their marine radios and the boat will meet them at their moorings or where they are anchored.

The New Bedford side of the harbor also offers pumpout service along with Earl's Marina. All are free services provided by the CVA.



LEFT: Tom Beaulieu of the Mass. Department of Marine Fisheries (fourth from left) hands the key to the new pumpout boat to Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock on Thursday, 5/31 at the Pease Park boat ramp. L-R: Fairhaven Shellfish Warden and Assistant Harbormaster Tim Cox; Lyle Butts of Bay Sails Marine, which made the boat; Fairhaven Harbormaster David Darmofal; Mr. Beaulieu and Dr. Bowcock; Mark Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. *Photo by Beth David and courtesy of David Darmofal.* RIGHT: The new pumpout boat has a 200 horsepower motor and a 425 gallon tank for pumping sewerage from boats in the harbor so boaters do not dump it in the bay. ABOVE: The custom-made center console design pumpout boat has special protective barriers all around the sides to prevent scuffing up of the boats being pumped. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events.*



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BPW hires to HMEOs; Sturtevant on Bike Path Committee

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired two in-house employees to the position of HMEO/Water System Maintenance Craftsman at the 6/4 BPW meeting, after two of the four candidates withdrew their applications.

After holding interviews in open session, the board hired Joshua Souza, a five-year employee of the Highway Department, who currently holds none of the required licenses for the position, a major concern for the board. The board also hired Jonathan Bowers, a one-year employee of the Water Department with one year in the Highway Department, who also needs to acquire the D-3 license for the position. Kenneth Silva and Charles Hurley withdrew their applications and did not appear before the board.

The BPW gave both Mr. Souza and Mr. Bowers 18 months to complete the licensing requirements, otherwise board members have agreed to revisit the matter and possibly replace either of the workers with a licensed worker.

Board member Stephen Riley asked if the Water Department could handle having two unlicensed workers, to which Robert "Hoppy" Hobson replied, "We don't really even have to hire them."

Mr. Hobson argued that it should be a wake-up call for the board, to perhaps start looking outside for qualified employees, but ultimately commented that he was "willing to give them one more shot."

"I took it. It's not rocket science," said Board Member Daniel Freitas about the level D-1 license.

Mr. Souza was hired to begin his new position on 6/11, senior to Mr. Bowers who will begin his new position on 6/18.

Also at the meeting, Board Member Kathleen Sturtevant was appointed as the BPW representative on the Bike Path Planning Committee, but not without a fuss from Mr. Hobson.

"If she can be on the bike path committee, then I should be able to be on the Hoppy's Landing Committee," said Mr. Hobson.

He complained that he was relieved from his position on the Hoppy's Landing Committee due to a supposed conflict of sitting as a member of multiple boards.

Mr. Hobson said Ms. Sturtevant was "politically hooked" with the Selectboard and commented that he was simply "calling a spade a spade," only seconds before making the motion to appoint Ms. Sturtevant to the committee.

Ms. Sturtevant responded that politics had nothing to do with her appointment to the committee and she had a genuine interest in the bike path.

"Could you get your buddy Bowcock to appoint me to the Hoppy's Landing Committee?" Mr. Hobson asked Ms. Sturtevant.

Board Member Geoff Haworth acknowledged Mr. Hobson's argument and questioned why the BPW couldn't have a representative on the Hoppy's Landing Committee, since the department mows the grass and maintains aspects of the property.

"Could you get your buddy Bowcock to appoint me to the Hoppy's Landing Committee?" Mr. Hobson asked Ms. Sturtevant.

Mr. Freitas recommended that the board ask the Selectboard if they would allow a BPW representative on the Hoppy's Landing Committee, since they mow the grass on the property.

The board voted in favor of Ms. Sturtevant's appointment to the committee.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Freitas vented his resentment toward Sewer/Wastewater Superintendent Linda Schick, after she declined to give Mr. Freitas a reference for a new job position he sought outside the department. Mr. Freitas said the employer required four management referrals for the position, and when Ms. Schick was contacted, she responded with a "no comment."

"I think it was a shot at me and I don't appreciate it," said Mr. Freitas. "It could have stopped me from getting the job."

Mr. Freitas acknowledged, on a

personal level, that he and Ms. Schick "don't get along."

Mr. Freitas wondered aloud why employees in the highest paid positions are leaving, then added, "They'll gladly tell you why they left...The management up there is horrible, and it always has been."

BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado mentioned that he has approached disgruntled employees in the past, but when asked to discuss their issues, they were reluctant to say anything.

"That's the system up there," said Mr. Freitas. "If you talk, you pay. I've dealt with it a long time."

In other matters:

- The board rescinded a driveway waiver for John Ristuccia of 46 Balsam Street, after Mr. Ristuccia reneged on his agreement to grant the Town an easement for road maintenance. The driveway waiver was contingent upon the easement.

- Staffing for Homecoming was capped at three employees for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. during the 6/30 event, after the board voiced their concern over funding for assisting with town events. Ms. Sturtevant recommended having vendors empty their own barrels into a DPW truck at the end of the event, with Mr. Furtado concurring, "If you want us to help out, you need to help us out."

- The board voted to grant a request for three DPW vehicles for Family Fun Day on 7/14, with the condition that the three DPW workers remain with the trucks at all times. "They hang out, smoke their cigarettes, and do their thing," Mr. Haworth said. Mr. Freitas added that there should be no smoking and the workers should don their cleanest uniforms.

- The board denied a water abatement to Melissa and John Mello, out-of-state property owners of 22-24 Main Street. The Mellors sent the board a letter describing a leaky washing machine hose that tenants did not report, however the department has not yet inspected the premises. "I don't see anything that warrants an abatement," said Mr. Haworth. "We can't just give these things away."

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on June 26, 2012**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application. The applicant, **Rocky's Ace Hardware**, is requesting Special Permit approval, for a 2,000 s.f. addition for an exterior garden center, 320 s.f. exterior propane area and modifications to the parking lot. The location of the property is, 221 Huttleston Avenue, Map 28, Lot, 001A.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more informa-

tion or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Norman Shurtleff**, Judson Drive, Plat 31A, Lot 3A, Book 9584, Page 218; 198-22 Accessory Building A1: Accessory building is 1700 square feet over the maximum allowed 700 square feet. A Special Permit is required to have an accessory building without a principle building.
2. **Petitioner: Stephen A. Neron**: 2 Cowen Street, Plat 11, Lot 133, Book 9456, Page 224; 198-18: Short 19'6" of the required 20' front setback and 6% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of

30% all within a Mixed Use District.

3. **Petitioner: Laurie M. Pacitto**: 166 Cottonwood Street, Plat 43B, Lot 114, Certificate #22604; 198-18: Short 10' of the required 20' south side setback and 5% 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 June 18, 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.

- Amend Order of Conditions Applicant Todd Eisenberg Location Washburn Ave Plot 4 Lot 29 Purpose reduce house from 1820 square feet to 1344 square feet.

Respectfully submitted

Andrew Jones Chairman

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Letters from our readers

Fairhaven officials push "ill conceived projects"

Brian Bowcock can't be serious. He and Jeff Osuch for years have pushed a series of ill conceived projects. They've stifled open honest debate, they've maintained opacity when openness was called for, they've used the politics of obfuscation to achieve their ends, keeping on the pay roll a lawyer who supports their every position and packing a Board of Health whose conflicts of interest appear to undermine its independence. This time in the ultimate conflict of interest they've formed a public/private partnership with Palmer Capital. The town pushed by these same public officials now has a vested monetary interest in a successful turbine project regardless of the collateral damage.

Here's what he said in the 5/24 ST about Selectman Bob Espindola having any input on the turbine issue, "Bowcock said, 'He really has a conflict if there is anything discussed on the turbine issue, and he needs to recuse himself.'"

So Espindola who puts residents ahead of a public/private partnership is conflicted but those in town government who carved out a site next to homes for turbines, who initiated the proposal, found the developer and then became the public partner of Palmer Capital, don't have a conflict? To call this hypocrisy is so inadequate.

Bob Espindola was part of the lawsuit against the turbine project.

Like others he sued because he was attempting to protect his family and his home from a project that was kept under wraps by Bowcock, Osuch and Gordon Deane until it was too late to stop, no abutters were notified, the town ignored that one of the turbines was in the wrong place, the Board of Health refused to do its job, the DEP played politics. There was no other recourse.

Even if he was still involved there is no reason why he shouldn't help reshuffle the stacked deck now. His position on the turbines is why he was elected. But he is not involved in the suit. He dropped out of the suit in March before he ran for selectman.

If the argument is that a financial stake prevents objectivity then town government led by those who brought the turbines is unable to protect its citizens. They are the public partners of Palmer Capital.

After insisting turbines don't impact property values, the selectman's lawyer tells neighbors the turbines are injurious to their estates. That point is clearly made by Bowcock's crony, Crotty: "Because Espindola lives within 1,500 feet of the turbines, Crotty contends that he has a financial interest in the turbines, which could affect his property value, "If there is a project in your neighborhood, near where you live, you have a financial interest in that project," Crotty said. "You cannot be involved in making decisions about the project."

But the private/public partners who own this business venture can?

The Fairhaven Select Board has allied itself with a private corporation Palmer Capital against town residents. In the process the town has ignored the law. Mass General Law, Chapter 111, Section 143 states, "No trade or employment which may result in a nuisance or be harmful to the inhabitants, injurious to their estates, dangerous to the public health..." can be sighted without assignment by the Board of Health." The law goes on to say assignments can be revoked.

The members of the Fairhaven Select Board who entered into turbine agreement with Palmer Capital have a conflict of interest. They speak for The Partnership. Bob Espindola speaks for us. Whether Fairhaven's present Health Board can do the same is an open question. I know of at least one member who can, all we need is one more.

Henry Ferreira

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success.

Robert Orben

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BPW: cont'd from page 19

- The board approved the planting of several cherry trees donated to the Town by 101-year old Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara. The trees are slated for Joshua Slocum Park, where Ms. Sturtevant suggested an engraved stone with Dr. Hinohara's name be placed in recognition.
- During Mr. Furtado's report, he informed the board that yellow line painting will occur where the bike path crosses Sconticut Neck Road, speed bumps will be installed on Balsam Street pending safety approval, and Jaryd Ramos, a temporary worker for the Highway Department, was suspended for one day after an incident of misusing a weed-whacker. ●●●

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FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

The Fairhaven Public Schools and the Fairhaven School Committee are announcing the disposal of various surplus school furnishings. The items consist of student chairs, kindergarten furniture, computer tables, desks and chairs. These items are located at the Oxford Elementary School, 347 Main Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

**When: Saturday, June 16, 2012
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Where: Oxford Elementary Gym

The Fairhaven School Committee reserves the right to accept any offer or part thereof, and to reject any and all offer, or any part of any offer, if it be in the best interest of the Town of Fairhaven to do so.

Fairhaven Meetings

Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 6/16, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 6/14, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 6/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Tues., 6/19, Arsene St., 6:45 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Council on Aging

Mon., 6/11, Sr. Center, 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 6/21, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 6/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/20, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 6/18; HURRICANE

PREPAREDNESS, West Island IA,

41 Causeway Road, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 6/12, 1 Bryant Lane, 7 p.m.

Thurs., 6/14, 1 Bryant Lane, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 6/12, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/11, BPW Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 6/13, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/18, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2012	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	7	1102	2328	0436*	1625*
Friday	8	1156	----	0521*	1718
Saturday	9	0021	1251	0605	1815
Sunday	10	0114	1344	0651	1929
Monday	11	0207	1437	0741	2115
Tuesday	12	0301	1531	0833	2219
Wednesday	13	0356	1627	0923	2303
Thursday	14	0451	1721	1009	2340
Friday	15	0545	1810	1053	----
Saturday	16	0633	1854	0016	----
		----	----	1137	----
Sunday	17	0716	1933	0055	1221
Monday	18	0756	2009	0136	1305
Tuesday	19	0835	2045	0217	1349

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

ConCom denies Edwards on Cottonwood project

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission and Bella Vista Island property owner Haiem Alsawalhi appear close to resolving the applicant's required offsite wetlands replication and dune restoration plans.

At the ConCom's 6/4 meeting, Ms. Alsawalhi's husband Anwar Faisal and his representatives provided details on his proposed wetlands replication that totals 13,900 square feet near the town's wastewater treatment plant.

Attorney for the applicant, Shepard Johnson, informed the commission that he met with the Board of Public Works which endorsed the plan given ConCom's approval.

"We went to the BPW and they gave feedback that is very receptive to the proposal," said Mr. Johnson. "It saves the town money and accomplishes something that has been outstanding for quite awhile."

Although Mr. Johnson urged the ConCom to greenlight the replication plan that evening, Chairperson Andrew Jones insisted on one additional hearing to allow its wetlands consultant, Lenore White, to review it.

In regard to the dune restoration plan, Commissioner Steve Pereira wanted assurances that the necessary planting will get done.

"We're willing to get the work done and the planting done this season," replied Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Jones rejected both a request by the attorney to review the draft order of conditions and to approve the plans that evening with certain conditions.

"Given the history of the site, I'm leery of leaving it open ended," he said.

Both the ConCom and Ms. Lenore indicated that all issues could be resolved by the 6/18 hearing. Although Ms. Lenore expressed concerns about the dune restoration, she said, "we can condition it with what we need to get it done."

After a tense and lengthy hearing, the commission also reluctantly denied a Notice of Intent (NOI) request submitted by Michael Edwards of 113 Cottonwood Street.

"I can count the number of times

on one hand we've denied an application," commented Mr. Jones before the vote. Then the commission unanimously denied the request, with the exception of Joseph Taylor, who abstained.

Mr. Edwards needed a Notice of Intent to demolish an existing house on his property and construct a new home. At a previous hearing, ConCom directed him to work with state wetlands specialist John Rockwell to delineate and flag the wetlands on the property. That request followed the discovery that Mr. Edwards had cleared trees in a wetlands buffer zone without ConCom authorization.

At the Monday night hearing, Mr. Edwards said that he encountered great difficulty in scheduling a meeting with Mr. Rockwell.

"I tried my hardest, I couldn't try any harder," he said, indicating he

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would appeal a denial to the state. "What I went through this past week was an awful lot of work. Tonight is do or die."

"It's not to make your life harder. We're trying to work with you. Until we can see the land with flags, we can't issue a demo permit," said ConCom member Carol Tyson, adding, "It's a lot more expensive to appeal it."

In response to comments from Ms. Tyson that the commission is working with him despite his clearing trees, Mr. Edwards countered that the three trees removed were sick.

As the hearing progressed, Mr. Edwards grew increasingly emotional.

"You've made me work like a rabbit to rectify [issues], only then to rip my eyes out," he said.

"Our hands were tied right from the get-go," said Mr. Jones, who also strongly suggested that Mr. Edwards

reschedule an appointment with Mr. Rockwell.

"You're cutting your nose in spite of your face. You are not taking the logical path," echoed Mr. Pereira.

"This is what America's coming to..." Mr. Edwards began.

"Don't be Mr. Patriot," interrupted Mr. Jones. "We are not sentencing you. It's in your hands."

Mr. Jones offered Mr. Edwards one last chance to continue the hearing. Upon his refusal, the commission denied the NOI citing insufficient information.

In other matters, the ConCom postponed until 6/18 a request for Determination (RDA) hearing for applicant Eric Denzer of 21 Long Road, who is seeking to construct a 24'x30' garage within 100 feet of the bordering vegetative wetlands. Mr. Jones wanted to further examine whether a stream on the property is intermittent.

In another quick hearing, the ConCom approved an RDA for applicant Richard Trethewey of Nakata Avenue, who wants to construct a storage shed within a VE flood zone. Abutters of the property signed a document supporting the project.

The commission swiftly approved the request, with the condition that Mr. Trethewey secure all material and clean up debris before, during and after construction.

The commission also met with applicant Michael Ristuccia regarding an RDA to verify a wetland line to allow the Board of Health to perform a percolation test on his property at Bass Creek Road. The property has about 42 wetland flags, thus the commission felt it proper to request John Rockwell's assistance and conduct an onsite visit for 6/17. The ConCom continued the hearing to 6/18.

The commission quickly approved an RDA application submitted by John Koska of Clark Street. Mr. Koska needed the RDA to determine the resource area of his lot prior to pursuing an NOI for an unspecified project. With an email in hand from John Rockwell reaffirming the wetlands boundary, the commission approved the request.

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Board of Health to ask DEP for turbine noise study

By Timothy Haggerty

Neighb News Correspondent

The floor was open once again to complaints from residents of Fairhaven about the Wind Turbines on Arsene Street at the 6/4 Board of Health meeting.

Since the turbines went up, there have been approximately 130 complaints filed.

One of the complaints the board tried to address was a “jet engine noise” that was heard Thursday night into Friday morning. Many people at the meeting claimed that the sound was coming directly from the WTs. The board, however, clarified that an emergency back-up generator turned on that night at the BPW building, which would have made a sound similar to what town members were reporting.

BOH board member Jeannine Lopes said, “There was a loud jet engine noise coming from that emergency generator that kicked on, and I confirmed it with BPW.”

Residents at the meeting still had many grievances about the WTs. Joe Rosa of 6 Teal Circle complained of the strobe effect caused by the WT’s shadow in the morning.

“For 45 minutes, I wake up to that. Twenty-five minutes later, I leave to go to work. I’m driving and my eyes are blinking,” said Mr. Rosa. He also complained of the loud noises he was hearing, “It’s more than a jet engine. It makes all kinds of noises.”

Kevin McKenna of 7 Teal Circle backed up his neighbor about the strobe effect, “I have the same exact thing. It starts in my living room, then it goes into my son’s room, then it goes into my daughter’s room, then it goes into my yard and then Joe’s yard.”

He also corroborated the noise claim, “If you go into my backyard and listen, it is like a freight train.”

Mike Thomas of 1 Teal Circle encouraged board members to “go in my backyard and listen,” claiming that the noise has gotten worse within the last week. He also claims to have experienced the flickering light early in the morning.

Peter Goblen of 4 Teal Circle said, “I’ve lived there for 20 years and I’ve never heard that sound before. It was the turbines.”

Mr. Goblen also claimed that his wife became disoriented from the

strobe effect.

“This has to end,” he said.

Dawn Devlin of Main Street, who said she was not directly affected by the turbines, said that many people were afraid to go to the board because they lived farther away from the turbines than others with similar complaints.

“These people are suffering. These children are suffering,” said Ms. Devlin, “We can’t wait for the developer, who has a vested interest in [the turbines] to decide when you as the Board of Health can take action. The sound study needs to be done. The sound study should be dictated by the Board of Health, not the developers.”

BOH Chairperson Peter DeTerra responded to this by saying, “I want [the Developer, Sumul Shah] to come up with a mitigation plan for us — he owns this stuff. The second part of the motion: contact the [Department

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of Environmental Protection], so that they can set up a sound study.”

Katherine Starr of 15 John Street complained about pressure caused by the WTs.

“It’s not even just the noise, the noise can be horrendous, but I’m having trouble with pressure in my house. I don’t know what’s making it do that, but I have throbbing in my ears, it hurts in my jaw, headaches. My son feels it too,” said Ms. Starr.

She also complained of a recent ringing in her right ear.

“I don’t know what this is. I’m sleepless because of the noise, then that, then sunlight flicker. It’s affecting my job now. I’m feeling sick. I’m exhausted,” said Ms. Starr.

Cheryl Methia of 3 Shawmut Street claimed that her boys were feeling nauseated from the WTs. She also complained of dizziness while doing yard work. She urged the Board of

Health to move more quickly to get the DEP to do a sound study.

“I wish that you and the board would help us, it’s affecting so many people,” said Ms. Methia.

John Methia of 3 Shawmut Street had his video camera on the faces of the board members as he demanded that they take a vote on mitigation that night.

“I think this board should act today to at least start to mitigate the operation of those turbines between 7 at night and 7 in the morning,” said Mr. Methia. “I think you should take a vote today and enact that litigation, for the health and well being of everybody in this room, and those people in this town who are afraid to go public with this.”

His speech was met with applause from other residents.

Mr. DeTerra reminded Mr. Methia that, “the motion is on the floor. mitigate and go to the EP.”

The assembly then became noisy as residents continued to voice their frustration. Mr. DeTerra had to interrupt one woman’s statement to continue to the next part of the meeting.

He reminded the assembly of the motion at hand, “The motion on the floor is — [the developer] has to get the information to do a mitigation plan — he owns this unit, we don’t. He’ll send a plan in three weeks to us. And, we’ll have the DEP do a sound study in Fairhaven.”

Ms. Lopes came under fire from the assembly when she said, “What we’re trying to do is to get a sound study done for you people.”

This is when a woman raised her voice and said, “for the town of Fairhaven, not for you people, I’m tired of the way people talk to these people who are suffering. You don’t call these people ‘you people.’ These are citizens of the town of Fairhaven.”

After the meeting Sarah Powers said that living near the turbines was like “living on a runway for airplanes; it’s constant jet engine sounds.”

She even had several friends from Dartmouth come out to support her. One of them said, “The first time, I didn’t even know that they were on, I just drove to her house and there was pressure on my forehead. Then I went to go get a coffee at Cumby’s and I felt perfect.”

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Niemic gets life without parole in murder of Fairhaven man

Bristol DA Press Release

District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that Jonathan Keith Niemic, 24, of New Bedford and Fairhaven was convicted of first degree murder with extreme atrocity, connected to the October, 2010 stabbing death of 34-year-old Michael Correia of Fairhaven.

The stabbing occurred near the intersection of Purchase and School streets in New Bedford. Mass. State Police Troopers and New Bedford Police Detectives arrested Mr. Niemic about eight hours after the stabbing, when they tracked him to an apartment complex at 159 Rockaway Street, where the defendant was hiding.

Mr. Niemic has been detained without bail since his arrest.

Judge Thomas Maguire immediately sentenced Mr. Niemic to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The trial lasted eight days in Fall River Superior Court and the jury deliberated for about two-and-a-half hours before returning its verdict around 3:30 p.m. on Friday, 6/1.

“With a case like this, my first thoughts are always with the family of the victim. I met with them on several occasions and I am very pleased that today they received a measure of justice for the loss of their loved one and for their grief,” District Attorney

Sutter said. “The prosecution team we put together for this case — First Assistant William McCauley; Assistant District Attorney Maryclare Flynn, who is the Deputy Chief of my Abuse Prosecution Unit, and Victim Witness Advocate Deborah Almeida — was an exceptional one, and the outcome of this trial reflects that. My deepest thanks and congratulations to them, as well as to the officers from the New Bedford Police Department and State Police Detectives from my State Police Unit, who all worked extremely hard and effectively to help us achieve the conviction for first degree murder in this case.” ●●●

Quahog relay drops 800 bushels in Round and Senior Coves



The Fairhaven Shellfish Department transplanted 800 bushels of quahogs from tainted waters to Round Cove and Senior Cove in Fairhaven. Both coves will be closed until next year so the quahogs can clean themselves out. This year, the price of the polluted quahogs went “way up,” according to Harbormaster David Darmofal and Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox. It was cheaper to get the quahogs in fish totes instead of the usual onion bags, so the department rigged up this wooden spreader. LEFT, L-R: Richie Dube, Mr. Cox, Mr. Darmofal. The department tied two boats together because the main motor on the shellfish boat was not working. RIGHT: Mr. Dube uses a hoe to push quahogs from the chute into Senior Cove on 5/29. Photos by Beth David. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos.

Car accident closes Main Street in North Fairhaven for awhile



LEFT: A snapped telephone pole hangs in the air after being hit by a car in wet, rainy conditions on 6/2. A car traveling north on Main Street in Fairhaven struck a pole near Newbury Avenue at around 8 a.m., continued along Main Street taking parts of the telephone pole with it, and finally coming to rest on the opposite side of the street at the corner of Maitland and Main. The female driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Police, fire and NStar crews responded, closing the road for approximately 40 minutes. RIGHT: the car is on the left-hand sidewalk while people watch police, fire and NStar crews work. Photos courtesy of Barry Parker.

Roth is SRPEDD commissioner of year; Wojnar also recognized

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven's Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth received the Commissioner of the Year Award from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) at its 56th annual meeting at Wheaton College in Norton on May 23, 2012.

In a letter to the Fairhaven Selectboard, Mr. Roth wrote: "It was a great honor to receive the award and was extra special to me, since last year's winner was Raymond Fleurent, a long serving Planning Board Chairman, who served as a SRPEDD Commissioner for 43 years."

Mr. Roth has been in his position in Fairhaven for 11 years. He said he had

a "suspicion" something was going on because he was originally on the awards committee and they asked him if he minded stepping down because too many people were on it.

Mr. Roth said it felt "pretty good" to be recognized by his peers "for doing a good job and contributing."

"SRPEDD is all about the region," said Mr. Roth. "I put a lot of time into it. The town, the selectmen have appointed me to represent them as a commissioner and I take that very seriously. Anything I take on I try to do the best job I can."

The plaque reads: "We honor your tireless work on behalf of the Town of Fairhaven and your dedication to SRPEDD. Your advocacy for trans-

portation and bicycle issues in particular are noteworthy. You always act in the best tradition of a local official with a regional perspective. Fairhaven and SRPEDD are indebted to you."

SRPEDD also announced a special recognition award to Acushnet Selectboard member David Wojnar.

SRPEDD is a regional agency serving 27 cities and towns in Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk Counties. It undertakes regional planning in transportation, economic development, environment and land use, and provides technical assistance. ●●●



LEFT: Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth (at podium) reads the award he received when he was named Commissioner of the Year at the 56th annual meeting of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District on May 23. L-R: SRPEDD staff members Steve Smith, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Jackie Schmidt, Lilia Cabral. RIGHT: Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Lilia Cabral, Bill Roth, and Jackie Schmidt pose with Mr. Roth's award for Commissioner of the year on 5/23. Photos courtesy of SRPEDD. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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In other business, Health Agent Patricia Fowle mentioned that sharps, such as syringes and glass, could no longer be disposed of in the trash. The new regulation, sponsored by Stericycle, will go into effect on 7/1. There will be disposable cartons available to dispose of sharps properly.

Fairhaven was allotted 490 influenza vaccines by the Department of Public Health, equal to the number given last year.

The board voted to increase the frequency of testing for Tier 3 beaches from every 30 days to every week. There are three Tier 3 beaches in Fairhaven, including the Town Beach on Fir Street, the West Island beach on Causeway Road, and the beach at the end of Seaview Avenue.

The board also voted to approve three changes to tobacco control regulation. These included banning

e-cigarettes to anyone under 18, banning roll your own machines, and preventing the sale of tobacco products at health care institutions such as pharmacies.

The last item was a proposal for the construction of Rocky's Ace Hardware at the site where Applebee's Restaurant once was. Barbara Acksen, commenting on the size of the proposed building, remarked that it looked like it will be a "super hardware store." The board reviewed the plan, but offered no comments to the Planning Department.

Other matters included an issue involving feral cats on Grove Street. One man claimed that his grandson was scratched by one of the cats and had to receive a rabies vaccine. He requested that animal control trap the animals. The board wanted to verify the claim before voting on a course of action.

A woman who did not give her name waited until the very end of the meeting to speak. She said she hoped that the people of the town could have more time at the next meeting to voice their complaints and ask questions. She said she also hoped that there could be a moratorium on the addition of any more WTs. She said she enjoyed walking around Little Bay and that the WTs were, "not what [she] had hoped for in the area."

Dr. Acksen also encouraged people from anywhere in the town of Fairhaven to file complaints about the WTs and not to hold back.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Deterra clarified that the Board planned to call the DEP immediately and also send information to the developer at the same time in order to develop a mitigation plan with a time frame that would be available at the next meeting. ●●●

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to use can not be diverted to just any other road project — only to roads that meet certain criteria.

A number of residents asked if the town could just focus on repairing the road and existing sidewalks on the west side of the road and removing just the trees necessary on that side while leaving the trees and grassy area on the east side intact. The selectboard agreed to accept their suggestions and voted unanimously to send the proposal back to the BPW with the changes for consideration.

The board presented a proclamation to Hastings Middle School librarian Ann Richard, who was one of 50 women honored this year as an "Unsung Heroine" by the State Commission on the Status of Women for her years of work as an advocate for sustainability and green initiatives.

The award is given out each year to

approximately 50 women who make their communities a better place, said 10th Bristol District Bill Straus, who had nominated Ms. Richard. The selectboard echoed Mr. Straus's praise for Ms. Richard, noting that she was someone who led by example, especially in her work surrounding sustainability and green issues.

"It would be wonderful if all people lived like that," said Mr. Espindola. "It's one thing to do a program at the government level, but the power of the individual is so much more. Her leadership in this area is tremendous."

The board received a request from Phil Washko for appointment to the Zoning Board, which will be on hold until an opening comes up on ZBA. They also set appointments for police candidate interviews with the police chief next week.

Discussions for noise complaints and safety issues at Down the Hatch were postponed to the June 18th board meeting. The board entered executive session to discuss the Blue Sky Power landfill project contract and a worker's compensation case involving David Hopwood.

In other actions, the board:

- Signed a letter to the Department of Public Utilities as one of 10 regional communities requesting that NSTAR return to the practice of assigning crews to specific emergency centers during hurricanes;
- Approved the erection of a Bocce court at the Senior Center, using a United Way mini-grant and donations from local businesses;
- Authorized Dr. Bowcock to sign paperwork accepting a land donation from the McGuirk family;
- Appointed John Dallen to the Conservation Commission. •••

Wood School Family Fun Day: marking the end of an era

By Beth David
Editor

The rainy weather did not dampen spirits as the Wood School family began its end-of-year activities. The school community is going out with lots of fun stuff at the end of the year that will be its last in the old building.

The family fun day and barbecue, held on Saturday, 6/2, included enter-

tainment by Ooch, games, a presentation to principal Amy Hartley-Matteson, food and dessert.

Both parents and kids enjoyed the raucous fun led by Ooch in the gym.

Ms. Hartley Matteson received a poster of thanks signed by students, staff and parents.

The old building will be demolished this summer to make way

for a new building that will combine the student populations of the L.L. Wood elementary School and the Rogers School.

Next year, Wood School students will be housed at the old Oxford School, which was emptied after students were moved to the new East Fairhaven School which combined those student populations in 2007.



LEFT: The two finalists in the hula hoop contest square off during the Wood School's family fun day and barbecue on Saturday, 6/2. Children's entertainer Ooch led the children in contests that included lots of jumping and running around in the gym. Food included barbecued favorites and dessert. *Photo by Beth David.* RIGHT: Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson receives a framed poster signed by students, staff and parents. *Photo courtesy of Denise Washko.* See photos in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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