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Happy Birthday, Fairhaven!



The Hallamore Clydesdales march past Fairhaven High School on Sunday, 7/8, during Fairhaven's Bicentennial Parade. The three-mile parade started at Livesey Park in North Fairhaven and ended up at the Kmart Plaza on Washington Street and Route 6, where the famed Philadelphia Mummers gave a concert. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Holy moly, what a weekend we had in our little burg. I was so busy running around, I thought I'd never get around to actually making the paper... you know, the part where you get to read all about all the running around I did.

Oh, my aching feet. They may never recover. But, at least I didn't collapse. No joke, there, really, 17 people were transported to the hospital on parade day alone due to heat related medical problems (see page 16).

The parade was phenomenal. Wow. The organizers did a great job. It was big, it had a bunch of diverse acts, and I took about 1300 photos. Really.

See them on Facebook (see some on page 16).

I also took a bunch of pictures at the blessing of the fleet (page 18), and the Swim for the Bay (page 18), the Wood School ground-breaking (page 19) and the Vietnam Moving Wall (page 17).

The Wall was a quiet event amidst the noise and haste (see page 17). I went back three or four times, and each time was just as powerful as the time before it. There are 58,277 names on that wall. What else is there to say?

My only regret is that I didn't get to see it late at night. It was open round-the-clock. But, there's only so much one woman of a certain age can do, especially with the kind of heat we had.

You know the best part? It was all free. It didn't matter if you had lots of money, had not money, were all by your lonesome, or had a big family tagging along. The town of Fairhaven put on a birthday party for everyone to enjoy. All you had to do was get there.

Anyway, I hope you all had a chance to see some of it. If not, be sure to visit us on Facebook. I'll be uploading hundreds of photos of these events...see if you can find yourself if you were there, or someone you know if you weren't.

The festivities are not over, though. This weekend is Family Fun Day at Cushman Park (see page 3). All day long there'll be fun and FREE stuff for the whole family.

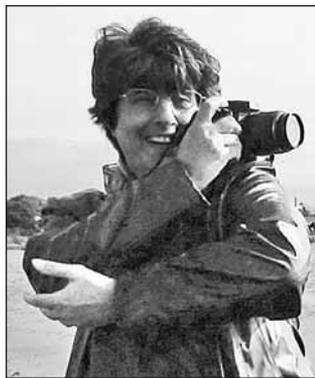
The only thing that'll cost you money there is the food, so do what the old timers did and pack a picnic lunch and the day won't cost you a penny.

Meanwhile, remember that popsicles are the fun way to re-hydrate!

We have other news in here, of course. Meeting coverage includes appeals board on page 4, Conservation Commission on page 25, Planning on page 24, and a story about the Board of Health's response to the wind turbine developer's letter on page 20.

There's other stuff in here, too, but you'll just have to thumb through to find it, because it's time to get this baby to bed (I mean the paper, not me). Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

Until next week then...
Stay cool..



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing? Really? Are you sure?

Family Fun Day this Saturday at Cushman Park

The Fairhaven Bicentennial fun is not over yet...not by a long shot. This weekend, head to Cushman Park, at Green Street and Main Street, between Bridge and Spring Streets, for a Family Fun Day.

Free for everyone

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, join in on an old-fashioned field day including a food court, music, historical displays, children's activities, Roaming Railroad train rides and more. Fun for the whole family. **Only the food court costs money, EVERYTHING ELSE is FREE. So take a lunch, and you won't have to spend a penny!**

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Find them on Facebook at "Good Ol' Family Fun Day."

Activities will include tennis, basketball, cycling, petting farm, K9 demonstration, face painting, Paskamansett Bird Club, portrait artist, refreshing water spray and a

balloon maker.

Eleven booths in the food court will offer all kinds of food and desserts, including ice cream, candy, and more.

An antique auto show, bicentennial floats, encampment, and historical diorama of the Civil and Revolutionary wars are just some of the other activities going on at the park on Saturday.

Other activities include:

- 10-4: Whaling Exhibit
- 10-3: Petting Farm
- 10-3: Roaming Railroad
- 10:30-2:30: Native American Presentation (at the Nemasket Group Building across from park)
- Canine demonstration, 3-4 p.m.
- 6-7 p.m.: Toe Jam Puppet Band at Town Hall Plaza.

Concert Program

Schedule for the concert program includes:

- 10:10-10:20 a.m.: Introduction by Emcee Taylor Cormier (WBSM)
- 10:25-10:30 a.m.: Introduction by town historian Myra Lopes
- 10:30-10:35 a.m.: National Anthem
- 10:50-11:05 a.m.: Interactive Dance

with Stella Pifko

- 11:15-11:35 a.m.: Jazz Singer Tony Johnson
- 11:30-12:45 p.m.: Bicentennial Band
- 1-2 p.m.: The Sky Family, Celtic Dance/Fiddlers, Gospel
- 2:15-2:30 p.m.: Barbership Chorus
- 2:45-3:45 p.m.: Showstoppers, Americana and more, including the Fairhaven Idol winners (see page 26)
- 3:50-3:55 p.m.: Fairhaven officials speak
- 3:55-4 p.m.: Bicentennial Committee chairperson Wayne Oliveira says a few words.

Booths & More

The grounds will also be host to some big trucks from the DPW, the animal shelter van, Bristol County Command vehicle and the Oxford School float.

The "Business Village" will have 17 booths, including Fairhaven Farmers Market, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, non profits, and more.

The Heritage center will include a militia encampment, classic vehicles, Fairhaven Nature Trail and Boy Scout Troop 55.

FAIRHAVEN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

www.fairhaventennis.org
Family Fun Day Activities at
Cushman Park
July 14, 2012

8:00 AM: FTA Doubles and/or Singles Matches

10:00 AM: **Under 10 Tennis** using the new USTA lines and balls to help children under 10 years old learn the game. (Open to any children 10 and under, and we'll provide rackets.)

10:00 AM: **Free Tennis Lessons** led by FTA Director of Instruction Henry DePina (Open to anyone who wants to improve their game or start to learn the game of tennis. Participants must bring a tennis racket.)

12:00 PM: **Vintage Tennis** — FTA players wearing vintage tennis clothing and using wooden rackets while playing doubles.

1:00 PM: **Open Play** — All 4 Courts available to all players who want to play singles or doubles.

The FTA will organize "Round Robin" doubles matches for any players who don't have a partner. (Open to FTA members and non-members.)

The Fairhaven Tennis Association will have a registration table available all day for anyone who is interested in membership opportunities or signing up for our various activities including the "Under 10" Program and the Al Dellecese Junior Tournament to be held August 10-11, 2012 at the Hastings Middle School and Cushman Park courts.

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Appeals board turns away three of four

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Three of the four petitioners for zoning variances left the 7/3 Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting disappointed, including Michael Bobola of 11 Maple Avenue.

ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra told Mr. Bobola and his representative, Phil Beauregard, that only Town Meeting could vote to change the zoning bylaw that would allow Mr. Bobola to restore his one lot back into two separate lots.

"It can only be overwritten by more generous zoning bylaws by Town Meeting," stated Mr. DeTerra, after receiving legal counsel from the Town's attorney, Thomas Crotty.

Mr. Bobola bought the abutting piece of land next to his house several years ago, and since the properties were listed under the same ownership, the two lots were converted into one lot for zoning purposes.

Mr. DeTerra explained that if the board granted Mr. Bobola the variance to split the two lots, the one conforming lot would turn into two non-conforming lots.

Declaring financial hardship, Mr. Bobola told the board that splitting the two lots, one of which contains a freestanding garage the Bobolas currently rent out for storage, would alleviate some of his financial burden. He said he would then be able to sell the two lots individually, the way he originally purchased them. He stated that selling the two lots as one decreases the value of the property.

"He made his own hardship," Mr. DeTerra told Mr. Beauregard.

Mr. DeTerra deemed the sale of two lots instead of the one to be an act of financial gain, not the alleviation of a financial hardship.

"That's not what the board is here to do," said Mr. DeTerra about granting variances for the financial gain of the property owner.

"I think that's exactly why this board is here," replied Mr. Beauregard.

"It doesn't meet financial hardship requirements," said Mr. DeTerra.

"Why can't this board relieve someone of their hardship?" asked Mr. Beauregard.

Veronica Booth of 8 Maple Avenue spoke out against the variance

"I'm surprised the board would not

request proof of hardship," Ms. Booth said, adding that she has seen two satellite dishes and two utility meters at the Bobolas' 61 Bridge Street property.

"So they do have income," she stated.

The Bobolas also rent out the existing house on the lot adjacent to the garage.

The board voted unanimously to deny the variance, with Alberto Silva recusing himself.

Also on the agenda, Norman Shurtleff, owner of a plot of land on Judson Drive, was denied his request to build a two-story, freestanding four-car garage that Mr. Shurtleff said he desperately needed for his car collection, a batting cage, and storage for sports equipment.

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He explained that since buying his current house, he now has three children and he coaches softball, which requires that he store all of the equipment, as opposed to paying for a storage facility.

Mr. Shurtleff also said he had a plan to build a house on the property, for which he has yet to submit plans to the Town.

A problem arose when Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin spoke out, saying that the proposed height of the garage, which exceeds the requirement by four feet, was not noted in the original application. Mr. Fostin said he was never made aware that the garage would have a second story, which would require yet another variance for height.

"You have an advertising problem," said Mr. DeTerra. He then recommended that Mr. Shurtleff withdraw

his application without prejudice and return to the board after making a "substantial change" to the original plan.

"It has to be this big?" asked Mr. DeTerra, referring to the 40 by 60-foot wide, 24-foot height scale of the proposed garage.

Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward, who lives at 48 Gillette Drive, spoke out strongly in a letter addressed to the ZBA, opposing the garage. He said the dimensions of the proposed garage, compared to other freestanding garages in the neighborhood, "grossly exceeds the definition of an accessory building."

The board voted to accept Mr. Shurtleff's request to withdraw without prejudice.

In another matter, Stephen Neron of 2 Cowen Street left his public hearing visually dumbfounded by the board's three-in-favor, two-opposed vote that denied him permission to build a second-story deck.

Mr. Neron must now wait another two years before being allowed to reapply. A 3-2 vote is known as a "simple majority vote," and in order for a motion to pass, the board must vote at least 5-4.

Joseph Taylor, a member of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission and former member of the ZBA, accompanied Mr. Neron and spoke on behalf of his request, and seemed equally stunned by the vote.

Board Members Peg Cook and Joseph Borelli both voted against the variance.

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Borelli stated that he had visited Mr. Neron's property prior to the meeting, which he said he always does before hearings. He stated that he was uncomfortable with the proposed deck's six-inch proximity to the sidewalk, and said he was concerned that during the winter, the snow from the deck would be shoveled onto the street, creating a problem for the Town.

"I have a safety issue with it," Mr. Borelli said. "Once in a while we get one (application) that's way out of whack in the neighborhood."

Mr. Borelli also stated that the location of the electrical box for the street would be within reach of the

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proposed deck, which would have been 17 feet above the ground.

He noted that he was later approached by someone who commented that Mr. Borelli was unfair in his decision to deny the variance.

"But I have a problem with that," said Mr. Borelli. "I have a policy of fairness...on all the boards I sit on. As far as I am concerned, I'm as fair as you can get."

In the lone approval of the night, Laurie Pacitto of 166 Cottonwood

Street received a variance to construct a deck on her vacation home, which will replace a prior deck of the same height. The motion passed unanimously.

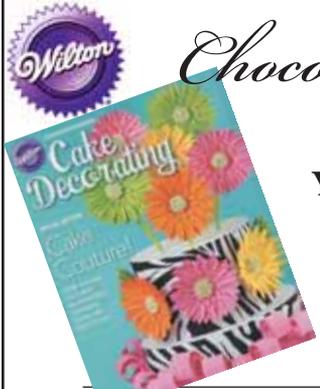
On another note, Board Member Rene Fleurent, Jr. opened the meeting by pointing out that Windwise Attorney Ann Ponichtera DeNardis, representative for Donna McKenna in her appeal to revoke the wind turbine building permit, refused to leave copies of documents and plans that

she used in her presentation to the board back on 6/14.

Mr. Fleurent stated that Ms. DeNardis needs to send the board those copies of the documents and the board will most likely issue her a formal letter demanding copies.

Before leaving the 6/14 public hearing, Ms. DeNardis told the board she had no intention of leaving behind any documents for the board to keep.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Family Fun Day

At Cushman Park, Saturday, 7/14.
See page 3 for details.

Concerts in Center

The Fairhaven Improvement Association's FREE Summer Concert series will begin on **Thursday, July 12, on the Town Hall steps at 7PM.** The band, "Forever Young," will present a masterful tribute to the music of Neil Young.

- **On July 19, the "Shenanigans"** will make Irish eyes smile.
- Back by popular demand, the happening horns of **"The Infrac-tions"** are scheduled for **July 26.**
- **On August 2, "Captain Malibu,"** who played their debut with the series, will play a mix of rock, reggae, funk, and alternative music.
- The series will close with Fairhaven's Native Son, **Jim Gagne, and "Shipyard Wreck" on August 9.**

Concerts are front of the Town Hall on Center Street, for young and old alike. Bring your chairs or blankets and be prepared to spend a pleasant evening enjoying the music and relaxing in a beautiful historic setting. Rain or shine. In the case of rain, the performance is moved into the Town Hall auditorium.

WIIA Dance

The West Island Improvement Association is sponsoring a dance, featuring **The Relics, on July 21, from 8-midnight.** BYOB/Snacks. Tickets: \$10/person, at the door. This WILL sell out, so get there early.

Need Host Families

Want a free lesson in Japanese? Want to establish a personal contact with a significantly different culture? Two boys and three girls from Shimizu High School (in Tosashimizu, Manjiro's home town) will visit this area from July 28 to Aug. 5.

We are seeking host families from this area who are looking for an international experience. This type of exchange is a true "win-win" for the hosts and the visitors.

If you are considering welcoming one of these youngsters to your home or need more information, contact Gerry Rooney, 508-995-1219, 508-858-5303, Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Yard Sale Items

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, is now accepting donations for its Annual Yard Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 18 from 9-3. Donations will be accepted on Saturday mornings from 9-1.

Ft. Phoenix Cleanup

Be the Solution to Pollution is conducting another clean-up at **Fort Phoenix on Sunday, July 15.** We will meet in the parking lot near the cannons at 9 a.m. The work will be to the left and right of the hurricane dike. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please wear sunblock and closed toe shoes. Gloves, tools and water will be provided.

For more information, please email freymarylou@yahoo.com or call 508-496-0708. For more information about Be the Solution to Pollution: www.bethesolutiontopollution.com or www.facebook.com/pollution/solution

Free Fitness Bootcamp/Yoga

50+ fitness enthusiasts of all ages, shapes and fitness levels participated in FREE Summer Bootcamp with fitness instructor Jeff Costa at Cushman Park, Thursday. Free Yoga Classes with Juliet Loranger take place every Tuesday in Cushman Park at 8 a.m. until August 28; free Bootcamp classes are Thursdays at 8 a.m. ending August 30.

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Voting runs August 6, 2012 through August 20, 2012, with the winner revealed after August 21, 2012. The winning shelter will receive a \$10,000 grant from Purina ONE® beyOnd® brand dog and cat food to expand its work. The submitter will win one (1) year's worth of Purina ONE® beyOnd® pet food and one (1) year subscription to GOOD magazine.

Farmers Market

The Fairhaven Farmers Market is held on the **lawn of Fairhaven High School from 1-4pm Every Sunday.**

Sponsored by The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee. For more information: ann.richard@gmail.com or 508-991-8315.

Local Students Excel in College

The following students made Dean's list at Salem State University: **Mary Bertrand** of Acushnet and **Meagan Garcia** of Fairhaven. At Southern New Hampshire University, the following students were named to the President's list: **Shayla Costa** of Acushnet, majoring in BS Business Studies/Sport Management; **Erin Baldwin** of Fairhaven, majoring in BA Graphic Design and Media Arts.

Congratulations to these outstanding students.

FHS Tour

Fri., 7/13, at 10 a.m., Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Take a guided tour of Fairhaven High School, the "Castle on the Hill," which was built by millionaire Henry H. Rogers and donated to the town in 1906. The tour, guided by Bob Foster, is sponsored by the FHS Alumni Association and lasts about 90 minutes. Starts inside the main entrance on the east side of the building. Donations to the Alumni Association are appreciated. Tour will also be offered on Friday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, email info@fairhavenalumni.org.

Open Studio

Shartle Sculptures, drive by viewing, 194 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, West Island. Sat., 7/14, 11-5; Sun., 7/15, 12-4. Rain cancels.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

At Whaling Park

Summertime is the best time to enjoy **free entertainment in your local national park!** YAP!, or Youth Ambassador Program, will be appearing in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford on **Thursday evening, July 12, from 6:30 to 7:15 PM** as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. Then, on **Saturday, July 14, from 12 noon–2 PM**, Ken Bizarro will be demonstrating model boat making in the garden, while Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, offer hands-on crafts for children. The Saturday afternoon activities are part of the park's Maritime Heritage series. The concerts and maritime crafts are offered free each week at the park during July and August.

YAP! is an after-school and summer program for New Bedford teens who communicate local and national history, and other national park-related themes to their peers through music, video, and social media outreach. They have created songs that introduce topics such as whaling and Underground Railroad history, as well as a song encouraging young people to "Get Outside and Move" which landed them a front page feature on Michelle Obama's Let's Move website www.letsmove.gov. YAP! is a collaboration between New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and Third Eye Unlimited, a local non-profit organization that works to engage and empower youth to become leaders in order to transform their communities.

The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM. The newest exhibit, Communities of Whaling, explores the connections between this city and five local ethnic communities whose roots trace back to whaling: African Americans, Cape Verdeans, Azoreans, Native Americans and West Indians. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge.

For more information about the park and about YAP!, call 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe, or

visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

YTI Auditions

Auditions for Peter Sagal's play "Denial," an engrossing drama examining moral and ethical dilemmas inherent in the First Amendment, are scheduled for **Tuesday, July 24 and Friday, July 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

Tryouts for two female and four male roles will be held in the handicap accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, 136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford. Parking is free in the church lot on County St.

To be directed by Stephen Kay, prominent award-winning actor and director in Southeastern New England, the play's characters are:

Abigail Gersten, a civil liberties lawyer in her 40s interested in truth and justice but at odds with a case that conflicts with her Jewish heritage.

Stefanie, an African American secretary who is upward of 20 years old and assistant to Abby. In a strong supporting role, she is planning to become a lawyer herself but finds that career may not be what she was cut out for.

Bernard Cooper, 39 or more, a professor whose records denying the Holocaust have been seized by federal agents. To oppose the government, he hires Abby to represent him.

Adam Ryberg, a Jewish assistant district attorney in his 20s at odds with Abby for, among other things, taking the case, given her own Jewish background.

Noah Gomrowitz, in his 80s, a prominent Jewish author and Holocaust survivor trying to stop Cooper from continuing to deny the Holocaust ever happened.

Nathan, a Jewish retiree in his 80s and a Holocaust survivor who could help Cooper's case by seemingly discrediting Gomrowitz.

Although ages for actors auditioning are somewhat flexible, the roles of Noah and Nathan require men capable of handling slight Jewish/Yiddish accents

Dealing with the differences between what is legal and what is right, "Denial" centers on a conflict

involving issues of history, memory, free speech, and how the stories we tell about ourselves determine who we are.

Ben Brantley of The New York Times called the play "unquestionably the stuff of great drama."

"Denial" will run Thursdays through Saturday evenings November 8-10 and 15-17 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees Nov. 11 and 18 at 2:30 p.m.

It will be the second of Your Theatre Inc.'s five major productions in its 2012-2013 66th season of providing award-winning community theatre to Southeastern Mass. and surrounding communities and supported by corporate sponsorship from Bridgewater Credit Union.

Ticket and other information about the production are available by calling Your Theatre, Inc. at 508 993-0772, or by sending e-mail to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

Free Shuttle

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, and the City of New Bedford have launched a new national park shuttle system, the NB LINE. The shuttle system will have three routes starting from the National Park Visitor Center. The shuttle will run seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Labor Day, and September 4 through Columbus Day on weekends only. A one day pass only costs \$1.00 for adults and is free for children and students with ID.

Information on shuttle routes and times can be found at www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/nb-line.

Fort Taber Events

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

July 14 & 15: Roman living history
July 22: Revolutionary War.

All events start at 9:00 am.
For more info visit www.forttaber.org/index.shtml or call 508-994-3938

AHA Night

Thursday, 7/12 is AHA night in New Bedford. Free things to do downtown. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Pan Mass Challenge

On August 4 and 5, 17 residents from Fairhaven, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Marion, Mattapoisett and New Bedford will pedal their way into fundraising history as participants in the 33rd annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's pioneer charity bike-a-thon that raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. They will be among 5,500 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$36 million to support adult and pediatric cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and the New Balance Foundation. To become a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, Mass. 02494.

Summer Concert

The Marion Police Brotherhood is proud to bring their annual Summer concert to the community on **Saturday, 7/14 starting at 6 p.m.**, this year featuring "Yellow Brick Road," Elton John Tribute band, at 8 PM at Silvershell Beach on Front Street in Marion. This special evening starts at 6 PM with children's performer Wayne Potash and the Music Fun Band, followed by modern country band and original recording artists, "Girls, Guns and Glory" at 7 PM. All proceeds benefit the various charities supported by the Marion Police Brotherhood throughout the year. **Tickets are a suggested \$10 donation.**

For more information on this event email alex@ecmgevents.com or visit www.marionpolicebrotherhood.com

Taste of the Town

The Mattapoisett Women's Club is pleased to offer their 9th Annual **Taste of the Town at Shipyard Park Tuesday, July 17, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This highly acclaimed food tasting event on the pristine shores of Buzzards Bay features Mattapoisett's finest dining establishments all under

the Lions Club tent.

All proceeds are plowed back into the community either through scholarships or flower plantings. Flowers can be viewed at the post office, Center School, Town Hall, and at Town Beach. This spring the club awarded an unprecedented \$4,000 to Mattapoisett scholars.

Entertainment comes courtesy of the extraordinary and energetic Showstoppers, a singing troupe of local girls and boys. All proceeds support the Mattapoisett Women's Club Scholarship Fund and benefit the community.

Cost: \$10 for 20 tickets; number of tickets per taste varies depending on the restaurant's offerings.

Come join the fun at Shipyard Park on beautiful Buzzards Bay sampling tasteful fare while supporting our scholars. Taste of the Town is a rain or shine event.

For more information contact co-chairs, Lois Ennis 508-758-2188 or Eileen Marum 508-758-9751.

Harbor Days

The Mattapoisett Lions Club Harbor Days Festival Week will kick off with two special events under the big tent in Shipyard Park: Men Who Cook Summer Sizzler to benefit The Women's Center on **Sunday, July 15 (6-8pm)**, and the Women's Club Taste of the Town on Tuesday, July 17 (5-7pm) with entertainment by the Showstoppers. Strawberry shortcake sales make their first appearance on Wednesday night at the Town Band Concert. **The annual Crafts Fair with 100 artisan and crafts booths, will take place on July 21-22** starting at 9:30am for a weekend of fun, food and live entertainment. The weekend of Lions Club dining events starts off with the annual Seafood Roll & Chowder Dinner at **5:30pm on Friday, July 20**, with a silent auction starting at 4:30pm and a free Couto & Mulligan concert from 7-10pm. The popular **Lobsterfest is Saturday, July 21** from 5:30-7:30pm and the **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is Sunday morning, July 22** from 8-11am.

The Lions Eye Mobile will be parked on the wharf with free eye, ear and blood sugar screenings on Saturday and Sunday from 10am -2 pm. The American Red Cross **Blood**

Drive will be held on Sat., July 21 from 9am-2pm at Center School (call 508-207-9251 for more information).

Harbor Days program booklets are available at area Tri-Town businesses with a full schedule of events and activities. For more information visit www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org and look for us on Facebook.

Golf Tourney

The 29th Annual Boys & Girls Club Merle Ames/Joe Dias Charity Golf Classic, sponsored by Partridge, Snow & Hahn LLP, will take place on **Sunday, July 16, at Allendale Country Club in Dartmouth.** Registration begins at 12:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30p.m. The entry fee is \$150 for individual golfers.

All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham. More information, along with registration and payment can be made at the Club's secure website at www.bgcnewbedford.org or call Rob Mendes or Wendy Crowley at (508) 992-8011.

Volunteers Needed

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers to help with the following event committee and festivals.

Our "Raise the Roof" Annual Gala. If you are interested in being part of the committee and would like to help with the planning of the event, please let the office know.

We also need volunteers to **staff our Habitat booth at the Harbor Days Fair.**

If you have any questions about our events or an upcoming festival, please email or call the office. We need your help!

Upcoming events

Also coming up: **Saturday, July 28th - "Sunset Cruise for Habitat" leaving at 6:00 out of New Bedford Harbor.** The Cruise will run from NB Harbor, out to Clark's Cove, through Padanaram Harbor, to Misham Point and then we'll return around 8:00. Tickets are a \$50 donation with children tickets being \$15/ticket w/ adult.

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We seem to be going through a period of nostalgia, and everyone seems to think yesterday was better than today. I don't think it was, and I would advise you not to wait ten years before admitting today was great. If you're hung up on nostalgia, pretend today is yesterday and just go out and have one hell of a time.

Art Buchwald

Brothers of the Bush, then and now

Oops...the judging of the beards never happened. But that didn't deter our bushy residents from getting their photo op.

In 1962 a group of Fairhaven men held a contest to see who could grow the finest beard in celebration of the town's 150th anniversary.

Since last year, a group of

Fairhaven men did the same in honor of Fairhaven's 200th anniversary.

The Brothers of the Bush gathered together on the steps of Town Hall (just as in 1962) on Monday, 7/9, for their close-up.

See page 13 for photo of 1962 Brothers of the Bush

Brothers of the Bush, 2012



ABOVE: Brothers of the Bush 2012. Front row, L-R: Pat Sevier, Larry Soares, Frank Motta, Stephen Cabral, Craig Fleming, Johnny Carvalho, Steve "Pepe" Palatroni, Paul Mitchell, Justin Kordas. Back row, L-R: Dave Silvia, Roland Lavalley, Wayne Sewall, Michael "Mickey" Perry, Joshua Roderiques, John Roderiques III, James Gagne. LEFT: John Roderiques III dyed his beard blue in honor of Fairhaven blue. His father, John "Ace" Roderiques took part in the Brothers of the Bush in 1962. This year, Ace's son and grandson, Joshua Roderiques (pictured above) took part in this new family tradition. See page 13 for 1962 photo.

Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

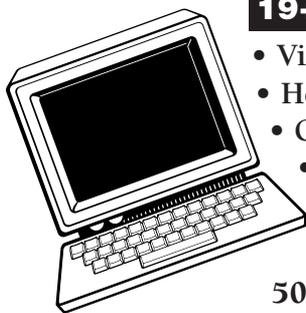
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Acushnet eyes solar farm on town-owned properties

By Diane Kozak

Neighbor News Correspondent

Prompted by an unsolicited proposal to explore the possibility of building a solar farm on town-owned land which could be used to decrease the town's electricity costs, Acushnet's Alternative Energy Committee met on July 10th to meet with a consultant to learn more about municipal power purchase agreements.

At the request of Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, George Woodbury, the Director of Energy Services at Republic ITS in Billerica, Mass., was invited to explain how the agreements generally work within the state and the various options town officials will need to consider before entering into one.

The committee members were given a Letter of Intent received in late June from Tangent Energy Solutions which is headquartered in Kennett Square, PA. The company proposed to research the details of developing a solar farm on a 60-acre town-owned piece of land located behind the quarry on South Main Street. The property is considered desirable because it is close to the power grid.

Tangent Energy is requesting the town to sign an exclusivity agreement with them before they invest the time and money needed to properly consider the feasibility of the project. If a solar farm can be built in the location and then connected to NStar, the town would be able to sell or use the electricity the farm creates.

During his presentation Mr. Woodbury explained how the town could choose to sell the electricity

generated at the farm at a fluctuating market rate or at a rate that is tied to the price the town pays for electricity. He recommended that the town choose the less risky price indexed to cost option. He also discussed the length of time the agreement should be negotiated for, the need to get several proposals from different companies and the possibility of leasing land to a privately owned company which would then develop and own the solar farm.

"Being a former public works guy I'm very risk adverse. I want to be in a

their consideration.

"Let's put it before the Board – whether or not we should explore that property as a potential site," said Mr. Wojnar. "If they say no then we're wasting our time."

The committee also discussed the solar panels at the town's fire station. Mr. Wojnar reported that the panels have done well in regard to generating enough power not only to offset the electricity needs at the fire station, but also to provide cost credits for electric bills at town hall. In the month of June the panels provided a credit of \$244 towards the town hall bill after generating all the power to run the station.

Mr. Coutinho questioned if it was possible for town residents to purchase electricity directly from a town-owned solar farm. He said that he often receives phone calls about the possibility. Although Mr. Woodward stated that he would need to research the matter

further, he said he did not see how it would be possible for the solar farm operator to directly bill and process payments for hundreds of end users. However, he noted that there may be programs in place that allow for resident usage of municipal owned power generation that can be explored.

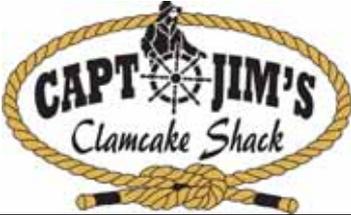
In regard to the committee's future efforts concerning research about a power purchase agreement and a municipal owned solar farm, it was decided that no action would be taken until the Board of Selectman green-lighted the project. If there is interest in developing the land behind

**Being a former public works
guy I'm very risk adverse**
[George Woodbury, Director of
Energy Services, Republic ITS]

situation where I'm never going to be upside down. Maybe I won't make as much money or save as much money but I'm not risking my taxpayer," Mr. Woodbury said in regard to his recommendation for selecting a non-market driven pricing option.

In discussing the land behind the quarry David Wojnar, Committee member and Selectboard chairperson, noted that the 60 acres had no road access, so an agreement would need to be reached with an abutter as part of the project. He then stated that before the committee went forward with considering the solar farm proposal he wanted the matter to be brought to the Selectboard for

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the quarry for a solar farm, the committee will take Mr. Woodward's advice and solicit multiple RFPs from various companies without granting any of them exclusivity.

"They know that there's something there that's advantageous to them. They're trying to get in and be the only partner at the dance and have the financial advantage," Committee member John Roy said about Tangent Energy's request for an exclusivity agreement.

The committee will schedule an on-site visit for its members and interested town officials to visit the Cotuit Solar Energy Services solar farm construction site located on the Elgar property at 1303 Main Street.

Committee member and town Building Inspector Jim Marot stated that he expected the farm to be completed in approximately six months. ●●●

BUSH: cont'd from page 10

Brothers of the Bush, 1962



Brothers of the Bush, 1962, in front of Fairhaven Town Hall. From left to right, Row One: Manuel Avila, Ray Margeson, Frank Botelho, Daniel DePina, James Hanlon, Joseph Costa, Joseph Fernandez, Joseph Cardoza, Ronald Sylvia, Preston Bouchard, George Rebello, co-chairman, Harry Young, chairman. Row Two: Henry Poirier, Ernest Lizotte, Kenneth Sisson, Tony Silva, Louis Correia, Manuel Correia Jr., Jesse Andrade, John Roderiques, Frank Correia, Roger Pinard. Row Three: Edmund Small, Charles Cromwell, William Condon, Walter Manchester, Jose Pilar, Richard Ryan, John McLeod, Joseph Costa. Row Four: William Rogers, Henry Alves, Carl Coates, Donald Frances, Edmund Frances Jr., Charles Barrows, Ronald Correia, Antone Medeiros. Submitted photo.

See page 10 for photo of 2012 Brothers of the Bush.

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Leslie Poles Hartley

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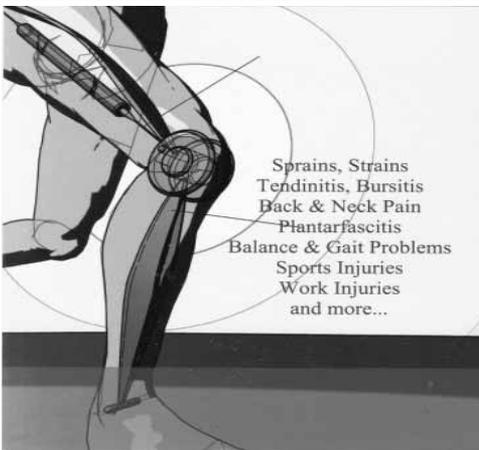
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Bicentennial Parade showcases acts from near and far

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's bicentennial parade on Sunday, 7/8, included more than 80 groups, including historical reenactors, musical bands, floats, militias, police and fire color guards, community groups, school groups, and about a dozen floats. The three-mile parade took more than three hours to pass, and those at the end were treated to a concert by the famed Philadelphia Mummers in front of Sullivan's Tire in the Kmart parking lot.

According to organizer Larry Roy, the parade was totally paid for by

sponsors and private donations, and cost around \$30,000.

"Everybody was invited," said Mr. Roy. "Anyone who wanted to be in it, was in it."

He said the wide variety of the groups made the parade special and is the reason so many people stayed until the end. Tens of thousands of people lined the route from Livesey Park to Kmart, with dense concentrations around the high school and at Town Hall, where speakers announced the groups as they passed by.

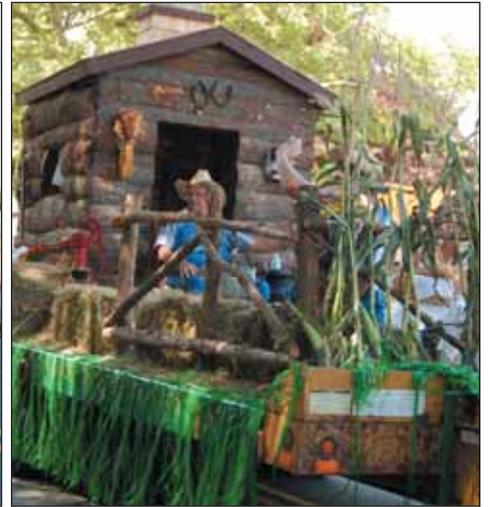
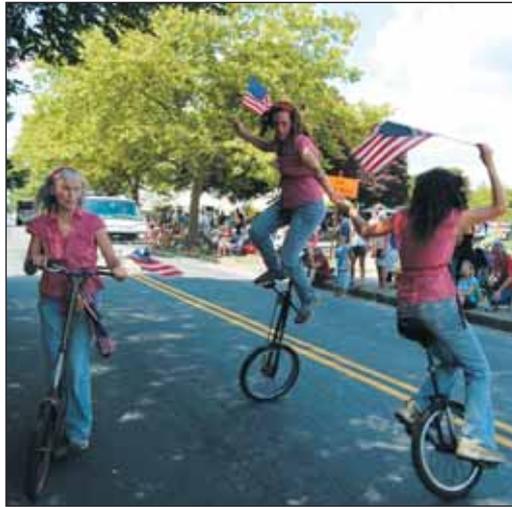
"It was so diversified, with a little of everything," said Mr. Roy. "That's

why people liked it. They're looking down the road to see what's coming next."

The 90+ degree heat and high humidity made it difficult for marchers and onlookers alike. According to the Fairhaven Fire Department, 17 people were transported to the hospital for heat-related medical episodes. One firefighter in the color guard collapsed during the closing ceremonies of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall in Cushman Park, breaking his nose.

"People weren't hydrated enough

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LEFT: The Bicentennial Parade's Grand Marshall, Gil Santos, Voice of the New England Patriots and Fairhaven home-grown celebrity, waves to the crowd as his car passes by the high school. MIDDLE: The Cycling Murrays give a quick performance in front of the high school.



RIGHT: The float created by the East Fairhaven Improvement Association reflects the rural nature of that part of town. LEFT TOP: The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's float was a replica of the Oxford School, which was closed in 2007, but remains a centerpiece of the neighborhood. LEFT BOTTOM: Dancing with the famed Philadelphia Mummers after the parade. BELOW MIDDLE: The West Island Improvement Association's float includes all the things one can do on West Island, including quahogging, lobstering, and hanging on the beach. BELOW RIGHT: A long line of tractors reminds everyone that Fairhaven still has many working farms. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more pictures of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.



Vietnam Moving Wall adds somber note to bicentennial

By Beth David
Editor

Amid the festivities of Fairhaven's Bicentennial celebrations this weekend, the somber reality of war dominated Cushman Park with the presence of the Vietnam Moving Wall, a portable, half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. An emotional Gerry Payette emceed both opening and closing ceremonies surrounding the construction, round-the-clock viewing availability, and breaking down of the wall, which has the same 58,277 names as the original memorial. The wall arrived in Fairhaven on Thursday, 7/5, and left on Sunday, 7/8, and had a steady stream of visitors most of the time.

Veterans staffing a locator tent gave the panel number and line for any name people asked to find.

Four Fairhaven residents, David Alan Drown, Peter William Roy, Donald Roger Desmaris and Henry Anthony Chevalier are on the wall, and were noted at the entrance to the locator tent. Two Acushnet residents, James Ferro and Leonard Picanso, Jr., are also on the wall.



The ceremonies included the National Anthem, taps, firing of the cannon, speakers, and a static landing of an active duty helicopter.

Mr. Payette said he worked hard to get the helicopter because they played such a critical role in saving lives in Vietnam.

Annie Hayes sat quietly for awhile under the tent after the opening ceremony. She said she was thinking about her cousin who served in Vietnam. As close as she was to him — they traveled the country when he returned — she said she only recently learned that he was airlifted off a hilltop as the only one who survived.

"And I never knew that," said Ms. Hayes. "It's really striking to me how moving, how emotional, how much grief."

She said there has to be "other ways of doing things," besides war. "It's important to see the unity here."

Her cousin became a very successful Hollywood photographer, said Ms. Hayes. He reveled in life after Vietnam, going skydiving and on junkets and driving across the country in a Corvette.

"He was just practicing being alive again," she said. "He was just the sweetest, kindest, most diplomatic guy you'd ever want to meet."

"People with veterans in their families know, that it either destroys them, or you rise above."

Mary Balboni was looking for the name of Peter Mears, Jr., a paratrooper who was killed at 19 when he stepped on a land mine. She was 10.

"I remember like it was yesterday when they came to the house to tell our parents," she said.

Pam Drown Silva's brother, David Drown, was the first Fairhaven resident killed in Vietnam on March 27, 1967.

She was especially sad that her mother died only a couple of months ago, because she undoubtedly would have gone to the wall to find David's name on it. Pam took a rose and left it, and tried not to get too emotional as she looked at his name and all the other names on the wall.

A replica of his dog tags, along with the three other Fairhaven casualties, hung on the helmet and rifle display at



ABOVE: The Vietnam Moving Wall was at Cushman Park in Fairhaven from Thursday, 7/5, through Sunday, 7/8. The somber reminder of the cost of war had a steady stream of visitors amid the bicentennial festivities this weekend. BELOW LEFT: Pam Drown Silva touches the name of her brother, David A. Drown, who was the first Fairhaven resident to die in Vietnam on March 27, 1967. he was 18 years old. BELOW RIGHT: Pam Drown Silva and her children, David and Jocelyn Silva, carry panel 17E, the one with David Drown's name on it, as volunteers took down the display on Sunday evening. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more pictures of this and other events.

the corner of the memorial.

At the end of the closing ceremony, Pam and her two children, David and Jocelyn Silva, helped take down the memorial. They carried David's panel from the wall to the truck.

"When would I ever get a chance to do this in my lifetime," said Pam as they posed for a picture.

Donations to the wall may be sent to The Moving Wall, Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd., PO Box 715, White Pine, MI 49971; 906-885-5599; www.TheMovingWall.org

To search online for a name on the wall, visit <http://thewall-usa.com> ●●●



Blessing of the Boats draws 50+ boats

By Beth David

Editor

About 50 boats participated in a special parade of boats and blessing of the fleet, in honor of Fairhaven's Bicentennial on Saturday, 7/7. The Rev. Paul Wheeler of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Rev. Bette McClure of the First Congregational

Church blessed the boats from the Fairhaven side as they passed through the hurricane barrier.

The Reverends took turns squirting holy water from a water toy and calling out "The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon this vessel and all who come aboard, this day and

forever."

The parade of boats included the New Bedford Fire Boat spraying at the start of the parade, the historic vessel Bowdoin, which was open for tours later in the day, police and harbor-master boats from both sides of the river, all manner and sizes of pleasure crafts, and a few jet skis.



LEFT: The New Bedford Fire Boat leads the parade of boats through the hurricane barrier for the blessing of the fleet on Saturday, 7/7, as part of Fairhaven's bicentennial activities. RIGHT: The Rev. Paul Wheeler sprays holy water while the Rev. Bette McClure says the blessing on the Queen Gra-Sea as it motors through the hurricane barrier. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews for more pictures of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

Swim for the Bay still hoping to reach \$100,000 + \$25,000 goal

By Beth David

Editor

Swim for the Bay, the Buzzards Bay Coalition's largest annual fundraiser, broke the participation record with 296 registered swimmers, 264 who actually got in the water and made the swim. Swimmers also broke the fundraising record at \$96,000, and counting. Last year, swimmers raised \$70,000 and challenge donor Larry Fish pitched in another \$25,000. This year, Mr. Fish will donate another \$25,000 if the coalition raises \$100,000 by 7/15.

"We're almost there," BBC

Executive Director Mark Rasmussen told the crowd after the swim on Saturday, 7/7. He told people to use the website or call to donate.

"We'll get the money from you. We can pick up your money, wherever you are," he said, and reminded everyone that "the money goes right back into protecting the bay."

The 1.2 mile route starts at Davy's Locker in New Bedford and goes across the bay to Ft. Phoenix in Fairhaven. The annual swim was started in 1993 to show how clean the harbor had become after years of toxic dumping had been stopped.

"It's just incredible," said Mr. Rasmussen. "It's amazing to me how [the swim] has grown."

The BBC's next large outdoor fundraising event is the

Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, which goes from Westport to Woods Hole. The 75-mile ride also offers a 35-mile option that begins in Rochester.

For more information, or to donate, visit www.SaveBuzzardsBay.org or call 508-999-6363. Swim results, top fund-raisers, etc., are listed on the website.



LEFT: Kayakers and swimmers fill the harbor between Davy's Locker in New Bedford and Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven during the 19th annual Swim for the Bay fund-raiser held by the Buzzards Bay Coalition on Saturday, 7/7. The 264 swimmers broke participation and fund-raising records. RIGHT: a woman shows her delight at having reached the shore at Ft. Phoenix after her swim across the bay. 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. Individual photos are available for purchase.

Wood School ground officially broken

By Beth David
Editor

Although excavators have been rumbling around the property at 60 Sconticut Neck Road for weeks, the official ground-breaking for the new school happened this Monday, 7/9. Telling fellow officials and the crowd of about 30 people that he wanted to keep things “informal,” Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools Robert Baldwin kept the program short and included the children in photos and dirt tossing to prove his point.

Selectboard members, School Committee members and representatives from the Mass. School Building Authority also attended the ceremony in front of the old building that will be torn down to make way for a new “model” school. The new Wood School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013.

Dr. Baldwin said that it was a “fitting” to sandwich in the ground-breaking event during the bicentennial festivities, which look back on the town’s 200-year history.

He said the new school looks to the future and the future of children.

Dr. Baldwin reminded everyone that the process had started in 1998, and took the work of more than one school committee, and a dedicated school building committee.

“We now begin the process of building a quality school,” said Dr. Baldwin.

He told the crowd that the new building was the culmination of work by the whole community. He praised state Rep. William Straus and the MSBA for their help. The state will pay for approximately 2/3 of the \$25 million project, which had to pass a town-wide vote.



ABOVE: Elementary aged children help the officials at the ground-breaking of the Wood School on Monday, 7/9. BELOW LEFT: Cody Cabral finds his name tag from the coat rack in his kindergarten room just before the building was cleared of visitors for the last time. BELOW RIGHT: Sadie Hartley-Matteson, daughter of Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson, can't understand why the door to her “second home” won't open for her. 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. Individual photos are available for purchase.

Dr. Baldwin thanked members of the community for figure out how to “get to yes,” playing off the name of the “Yes for Fairhaven” group, which organized support for the project.

He said the town should be happy that all parties came together to support children. He said 100 years ago the town had Henry Huttleston Rogers to donate expensive buildings to the town, but now residents had to foot the bill themselves. He said the town was lucky to residents who looked “outside of themselves.”

Dr. Baldwin also announced the birth of his first grandchild, Hadley Jane Tavares, who will attend the new school in five years.

“That’s what this town did,” said Dr. Baldwin, calling the vote an “unselfish decision” that put the children first.

School Committee chairperson Pamela Kuechler echoed the sentiment that the weekend had been a celebration of the town’s past, and the new school was looking to the future.

She said she was proud to give the children of Fairhaven “absolutely the best, which is exactly what they deserve.”

Dr. Baldwin invited the children in attendance to help toss the dirt with officials. Then the building was

opened up to the public and the press for a short time for pictures and one last look.

An emotional Marlo Cabral toured the building with her son Cody, who attended kindergarten in the old building, but would be at the old Oxford School building next year while the new Wood School is built.. She said it was ironic tat he would be going to a school she attended, the Oxford.

As they toured Cody’s old classroom, they discovered his name tags on the coat rack and took them home as mementos.



Legal Notices/Public Hearings

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 23, 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.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Arthur & Carol Traub Location 8 Nonquitt Ave Plot 32A Lots 13 (vacant lot) 156 (house) Purpose add loam and seed within 100' of Saltmarsh and VE flood zone. After the Fact
- Request for Determination Applicant Patricia Comeau Location 1 Stetson Ave Plot 2 Lot 256 Purpose add sona tubes under existing deck for three seasons room within 100' of coastal beach and within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Gregory A. Stein Location 134 Balsam Street Plot 43A Lot 59 Purpose install concrete slab and breakaway walls under existing house within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant John & Dolores Doyle Location 66 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lots 6 & 8 Purpose removal of bitter

sweet, honey suckle, and poison ivy within 100' of coastal beach and within a VE flood zone. After the fact.

- Request for Determination Applicant Paul Whewell Location 7 Misty Bay Road Plot 43C Lot 91 construct L shaped driveway within a VE flood zone. After the fact.
- Request for Determination Applicant Judy Lariviere Location 15 Pilgrim Ave Plot 13 Lot 63 Purpose rebuild existing deck in same footprint within a AE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Peter Teves Location 25 Shaws Cove Plot 33 Lot 38 Purpose construct small concrete pad, grading, and maintaining front yard. Within a barrier beach and VE flood zone.

Respectfully submitted
Andrew Jones Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Tasha Cordeiro**, 16 Central Avenue, Plat 23A, Lot 50, Book 10222 and Page 215; 198-19 (B): No boundary fence, wall or hedge shall exceed 6' in height, and no boundary fence, wall or hedge or other landscape feature which obstructs vision shall exceed 42" in height within any required front yard area or within 20' of a street, whichever is the lesser requirement.
2. **Petitioner: Brian Patrick Dunn for Dana Morris**: 243 Sconticut Neck Road, Plat 29, Lot 6B, Book 4154 and Page 286; 198-18: Short 13' of the required 20' north side in a RR District.
3. **Petitioner: Matthew Burlinson**: 105 Howland Road, Plat 23, Lot 61, Book 9830 and Page 108; 198-21: Special Permit required for continuation of a pre-existing non-conforming use.
4. **Petitioner: Kelly & Shawn Dupe**: 4 Maple Avenue, Plat 3, Lot 126, Book 9102 and Page 200; 198-18: Short 6' of the required 10' side setback and 14% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 30% in a RA District.
Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Board of Health not thrilled with WT developer's response

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Health did not receive the mitigation proposal it had requested from wind turbine Developer Sumul Shah of Fairhaven Wind, LLC. Instead, they received a response that questioned the legitimacy of the WT complaints filed with the BOH, along with the suggestion that the BOH investigate the validity of the 139 complaints that were lodged at the time the BOH initially sent the request.

Furthermore, Mr. Shah wrote, "The letter from the BoH requesting a mitigation plan did not indicate if there were any violations of state or local standards for which a mitigation plan was being required."

Mr. Shah said, however, that Fairhaven Wind would act to prepare such a plan, should the results from the anticipated sound study by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection indicate any violations of state or local standards for which a mitigation plan would be required.

"I don't think it's unreasonable for the Town to ask for a (mitigation) plan," Mr. Shah stated during a phone interview. "But we need the right data...we need a reason to mitigate."

The 15-page letter from Mr. Shah included charts that depicted the developer's preliminary analysis of the data collected from the BOH complaint forms. One chart showed that, of 132 of the complaints filed, 54, or almost 41 percent of these

complaints, were in reference to times when neither turbine was running continuously.

According to the developer's data analysis, 42 percent of the complaints filed up until that point were from plaintiffs of a wind-turbine-related lawsuit against the Town of Fairhaven.

"...There is an organized faction which is encouraging complaints and spreading falsehoods about the effects of turbines," wrote Mr. Shah in the letter. "This faction is being led by those who have sued the Town. As the BoH, it is your responsibility to separate legitimate complaints, which could be related to a violation of local or state standards."

BOH member Barbara Acksen, said in a phone interview, "I still think they should respond to every complaint."

She added that she felt Mr. Shah was downplaying the complaints, which she fears will inhibit people from filing complaints in the future.

"I encourage them (residents) to continue to file complaints," said Dr. Acksen. "Blaming the victim is never a good practice."

The data included in Mr. Shah's response also showed that 90 percent of the total complaints were from 18 particular households.

Dr. Acksen stated that she felt Mr. Shah was "making fun" of some of the residents who have filed complaints with the BOH.

"There's no good reason not to treat people with respect," said Dr.

Aksen. "People (residents) are sick."

"There's no doubt that some of the complaints are legit," said Mr. Shah. He added, though, that without a preliminary analysis comparing the nature of the complaint with recorded data such as wind speed, rotor speed, and weather conditions, he would not know what issues would need mitigating.

Mr. Shah stated, after analyzing the data, he has found some residents filed complaints about light flicker on foggy days when, according to the developer, flicker should not have been occurring.

"That's his opinion," stated BOH Chairperson Peter DeTerra in a phone interview. "They mostly analyzed the complaints. It was not a mitigation plan."

Mr. Shah argued that the BOH should be doing its own investigation of the complaints, including deciding which are legitimate and which are not. He also cautioned the BOH against imposing any mitigation plan during a time he considers to be premature.

"Pursuant to our Lease with the Town of Fairhaven, the Town (which would include the Board of Health) may not 'impose an obligation ... which will unreasonably interfere with [Fairhaven Wind's] ability to perform its obligations hereunder or to conduct its business.'"

"I felt they should have given us more guidance as to a mitigation

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or were in the sun too long," said Fairhaven Fire Chief Timothy Francis, adding that it can be life threatening, especially for people with existing medical conditions. "Everybody's body reacts differently [to the heat]."

He said the color guard marched in the parade all day and then went directly to the ceremony at Cushman Park, "and in full dress uniform," so it was no surprise that someone was overcome by the heat.

For a full list of parade participants, visit www.NeighbNews.com

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plan," stated Mr. DeTerra. "I wasn't entirely happy with it."

Mr. DeTerra did state that he will wait for the results from the DEP sound study before taking any further action.

"You can't know until you do the study," Mr. DeTerra said. "You can't put the cart before the horse. We're just waiting at this point."

Mr. Shah stated that the DEP has already begun interviewing residents, that the study was "well under way," and locations have been chosen for sound sampling for the study.

Dr. Acksen, however, stated that she believed the DEP was still working on the sound study in Falmouth, and was unaware of any activities beginning in Fairhaven at this time.

According to DEP spokesperson Edmund Colletta, details are still being "worked out" and no date has yet been set for testing in Fairhaven.

Board Member Jeannine Lopes did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Tues., 7/10, Arsene St., 6:45 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 7/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 7/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 8/6, Commty Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

Tues., 8/7, Parting Ways Sch., 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 7/16, BPW Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 7/25, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 7/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Historical Commission

Thurs., 7/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 7/19, Parting Ways Bldg., 6:30

School Committee

Tues., 8/7, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Wed., 7/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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Letters from our readers

Mother gets education, loses the game

It's been an educational few weeks for me. I went to bat against the Hastings Middle School principal in an effort to have him stop recommending *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie for summer reading, because of inappropriate language and content. I'm downright exhausted. And I must add, I don't think the final score accurately reflects the effort I put into my swing.

The score on the board reveals: Hastings one, and me none.

For those of you who are interested to hear about the final play of the game, here it is. The principal, Mr. Miller, informed me by e-mail that there was a committee that chose the books (24 selections for each grade). The list was presented to the ELA (English Language Arts) teachers for their approval. Mr. Miller then agreed to validate their choices. (That's the opposing team's line-up.)

Mr. Miller quoted a teacher as to the merits of this book, although I posed the question to him, "Young adult literature is meant to demonstrate the range of human emotions and allow adolescents to experience them as a result of reading quality literature as well as reveal the realities of life."

In my opinion, I see no "quality" in this piece of literature. I asked for the merits of this book, and all I got is an "academic" answer, not a "human" one, that addresses the genre of "young adult literature," and not this particular book. (Strike one.)

Mr. Miller continues, "Our students need to be aware of the complexities of minority groups living within our culture, but trying to fit into the 'majority' culture...." And, "the book works to broaden students' perception of those that are different from them."

If that was really the mission of Hastings for recommending that title, then why don't they think closer to home, and look at the "economic minority" and how they struggle to fit into the "economic majority" at Hastings every day? (Strike two.)

His final pitch includes a comment, "The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) recommends that parents and teachers

select books that are from one of the following award lists: ..." The Diary... is from one of these lists.

Now I ought to question the DESE. (Strike three.)

I lost. Hastings Middle School is happy to continue to recommend this title for summer reading. They have the opportunity to raise kids' minds up, but instead, they feed them more, of what many of them already have too much of. A can of Red Bull is less detrimental to the brain than this selection, but they oppose that.

At the end of the game no one wins, but at least I still have my pride.

Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven

Parent suggests collaboration for book list

I was doing further research on the "Diary" book and found an interesting essay from the author at <http://blogs.wsj.com/speakeasy/2011/06/09/why-the-best-kids-books-are-written-in-blood/> and a recommendation/warning from <http://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/absolutely-true-diary-part-time-indian>

I would like to suggest a middle ground that may work for both the school and the parents. Beginning next year the summer reading list should contain further information that includes a description of the storyline and the purpose of or justification (what the student should get out of it) for each of the titles chosen.

Also the school should send the list home with the fourth term progress report which is a few weeks before school ends. The cover letter to the parents should stress the importance of parental guidance in the selection process then instruct them to sign, and have their child, a selection slip which is due ten days or so prior to the last day of school.

By doing that there is time to mail reminders to the parents of the students who have not yet made a selection. If a selection is not made by the last day, then an assigned title would be mailed home with the final report card.

The approach I've described is similar to what they do at Fairhaven High School and I find it much better than the way the middle school handles the issue of summer reading.

It also wouldn't hurt to include

some less dark and less preachy titles that might entice a non-reader to pick up the book over the summer.

I believe that after the 180 mandatory school days, parents have the ultimate right to choose what is best suited to their child's stage of development, their family values, and the interests of their child. The parent's input should, after all, be a consideration for a school whose Core Values state that HMS "working in partnership with students, parents, staff and the community

- will provide for all students an environment that fosters high levels of achievement, creativity and an appreciation for life-long learning;
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- will be sensitive and responsive to the varied developmental needs of the pre-adolescent student.

I think the time has come to stand down and consider options like the ones I've suggested in order to truly form a partnership between the parents and the school.

Diane Hahn, Fairhaven

Resident has "had it" with WT developer, et. al.

I have had it with the Fairhaven Wind, [Standard-Times columnist] Steve Urbon, and all the people in this town who feel that people becoming ill or having sleep disturbances are a joke. Of course many complaints are from people suing the town. They are the ones in direct fire of these monsters!

I have heard complaints from others NOT suing. Some are afraid to complain because people in this small town seem to have no sympathy for others. If it doesn't affect them who cares and then there is the ridicule and name calling.

I moved here 25 years ago to raise my family. I have met some great people, however have been truly disappointed many times at how uncaring others can be. For the most part it has been a great place for my girls to grow up. But at other times, well take a look back at all of the scandals. Yes let's all celebrate the bicentennial of this "great" town. Let's push all of our dirty laundry under the rug as always. Let's have

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our parades, blade signing, and tout how great Fairhaven is.

I will not be here for the festivities. The only thing I will regret missing is the moving memorial wall, a tribute to real heroes.

Personally, I have never cared what others think of me as long as I know in my heart I am doing what I feel is for the good of others. I would complain if I was ill from these turbines and I would encourage all to do so. There are people who will stand by you. I am not affected; don't live near the turbines; however I will fight with my neighbors for justice. I am so sorry for all of your suffering!!

Dawn Devlin, Fairhaven

Developer letter a "slap in the face"

When I first read Sumul Shah's so-called mitigation plan for preventing the widespread illness his turbines are creating in Fairhaven, I was reminded of something Liana Kanelli said when she was struck in the face by another candidate on national television in Greece. She said, "it's the first time in front of so many witnesses that you see the snake coming out of the egg."

Shah offered no mitigation plan; it was just a slap in the face to the residents of Little Bay who began feeling ill from his turbines as soon as they went up. Shah and his cohorts on the Select board knew these turbines would make people sick. They were given a mountain of medical evidence at the wind forums in Fairhaven. They knew this would happen before the turbines even went up.

I'm not sure what the Board of Health expected from him, but it is well known that the only mitigation

for turbines is distance. Shah, Bowcock, Murphy, Sylvia and Osuch were all told this repeatedly and in no uncertain terms. They were told these monsters were much too close to people, too close to the Wood School, too close to the Senior Center and too close to homes. There is no mitigation for the sickening effects of infrasound and low frequency noise (ILFN) emitted by industrial turbines once they are up; no magic button that allows them to spin without spewing their toxic, low frequency venom into unprotected victims nearby.

Instead of mitigation, the Board of Health and residents got treated to a fifteen page tirade of threats and legalese. Psychologists have a term for this tactic. It is called blaming the victim. No wonder Shah was too cowardly to make his comments in person as he promised to do. As I predicted, you do not see Gordon Deane or [Jim] Sweeney around here anymore, and you will not see Shah anymore after this either. Little Bay residents are now at the mercy of Fairhaven Wind's corporate lawyers. If Sumul comes to your town to put up some turbines, you now know what to expect.

On top of this slap in the face, Steve Urbon added insult to injury by trying to defend Shah's utterly irresponsible behavior and unbounded greed with some of the most perverse mental detritus ever displayed in print. I found it instructive that the Standard-Times even published Urbon's exercise in willful ignorance. Apparently, the editorial staff knows no shame.

Here is a sample of Urbon's deep thinking: "There's infrasound (I know it when I hear it)". Seriously? We are going to deny basic physics now? If you cannot hear it, it does not exist? It cannot hurt you? P r e s u m a b l y, Urbon does not

believe in ultrasound either; despite the fact that it has been used to take medical images since 1942. If not the 21st century, Urbon should at least take a step into the 20th!

How about radio waves? They are not audible. Does this skepticism extend to other senses as well? There's x-rays, I know it when I see it? Ultraviolet radiation? Viruses? I'm relieved to know they cannot hurt me either. Aren't you? If Urbon cannot make it to the 20th century, perhaps he can at least take a step out of the dark ages.

Last December Ditlev Engel, the CEO of Vestas, one of world-leading manufacturers of industrial turbines, complained about new regulations in Denmark against low frequency noise pollution. He wrote, "Why it is that Vestas does not just make changes to the wind turbines so that they produce less noise? The simple answer is that at the moment it is not technically possible to do so ..."

Even manufacturers acknowledge that infrasound exists and that large turbines emit large quantities of it. Ditlev goes on to say that "in future low frequency noise will dictate and increase the distance requirements to neighbours for close to half of the projects that we are already aware of over the next 2 to 3 years."

Urbon also quotes Shah's statement that "These turbines, as of now, are fully compliant with state and local laws. Force me to do remediation now and I'll see you in court." This statement is laughable, given that Shah's lawyers recently filed and lost a motion to dismiss the case against him in the state Supreme Court for illegally siting in Little Bay, brought against him by the very abutters for whom he has such contempt. Sumul Shah and his cronies will get their day in court — whether they like it or not. In the meantime, Steve Urbon can look forward to being rightly roasted in the court of public opinion.

Curt Devlin, Fairhaven



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Planning board continues hearing on new restaurant

Timothy Haggerty

Neighb News Correspondent

A plan has been submitted to the Fairhaven Planning Board for a takeout restaurant at 200 Huttleston Ave, on the corner of Shirley Street and Route 6, at the site of the former Lukoil gas station. Owner Paul Tassopoulos says the food will be similar to the last restaurant he opened, Cal's Roast Beef and Seafood, with "hamburgers, hotdogs, fish and chips," and similar "All-American food." And don't forget ice cream.

Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director William Roth voiced a long list of concerns on behalf of the Planning Board at its meeting on 7/10. These included the seasonal schedule of the restaurant, the late-night hours, the outdated site lighting, the location of the picnic area, and safety of parking spaces.

Ken Ferreira, engineer of the project, addressed the board and the abutters about their concerns. He said the location has served food in the past.

"When it was a Mutual Oil station, it was also a minimart" that sold "cold drinks — the freezer is still inside — hotdogs, sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts, and so forth," he said.

He also mentioned the small building on the Jason Terrace corner of the property that had been used as "a clam shack, a hotdog stand, and a Thai restaurant."

Mr. Ferreira said that the owner wanted to "start out seasonal, but did not want to be restricted. Obviously in the middle of winter, it probably will not attract as many customers and will probably shut down."

He said that summer hours would most likely be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mr. Ferreira told the board that the owner "is looking to turn this into a take-out/window-service type of restaurant with no indoor seating."

He said there will be "a few picnic benches for people who want to eat their ice cream outside."

Mr. Ferreira also mentioned that the owner, Mr. Tassopoulos was known for, "owning several restaurants in the town and starting them up."

Some of his previous restaurant ventures included Phoenix, Cal's Roast Beef and Seafood, and Skewers.

"The entrances will remain the same as when the gas station was there," said Mr. Ferreira. "You can

come in from Route 6 or Shirley Street."

In consideration of the board's other concerns, Mr. Ferreira said that they would repave the entire lot and add a six-foot vinyl, stockade fence around the property line with arborvitae planted around the perimeter. He said they will also be able to refurbish the existing lights, which Mr. Roth had said were "antiquated," and may add more site lighting.

As to the board's concern about the restaurant becoming a "late night hangout," Mr. Ferreira said that the restaurant "is certainly not intended to be like a bar crowd."

He said it would not be like other late-night hot dog stands that "are open after 2 a.m. and accommodate people leaving lounges and bars. This is meant to be a family restaurant, it's not intended to be a

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[Ken Ferreira]

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The new restaurant will also make use of the existing signpost that was used by the previous business.

Many of the abutters and board members voiced concerns about the common occurrence of cars that cut through the lot to avoid traffic when turning the corner.

Mr. Jason of 4 Lincoln Drive expressed his concern about how wide the Shirley Street Driveway would be, because of the "motorcycles and trucks going through the gas station because of that long light at Alden Road."

Mr. Ouellette of 7 Shirley Street concurred with Mr. Jason, saying "It's a shortcut now. You've got kids with four wheel drive vehicles hitting that like they're going off-road."

He voiced his opinion that "people are going to continue to cut through."

Mr. Ferreira admitted that he had seen someone on a motorbike using the site as a shortcut.

Towards the end of the hearing, Mr. Tassopoulos told abutters, "I'm here to address all your concerns whatever it may be: lighting, noise at night, etc. I will always try to do my best to make you happy."

"We'll hold you to that," responded Mr. Ouellette.

The hearing was continued to 8/14.

The board also discussed the Wind Energy Facilities Bylaw. Mr. Roth said that he had received no phone calls or emails from WindWise. They had given no criticism of his recommendations, which did not address the issue of infrasound — a much-discussed topic among WindWise members.

Planning board chairperson Wayne Hayward expressed concerns that the process was going to take far too long at the rate it was going.

"You're looking at a year and a half, two years out," said Mr. Hayward. "I'm not waiting on it. I don't know where they're going with it, they don't know where they're going with it; we need to do something for the community now."

The board also scheduled a public hearing for Windward Power Systems seeking to construct a new building behind the old Delta Electric Motor and Generator building at 379 Alden Road. Windward Power Systems, Inc., based in West Wareham, specializes in Marine diesel engine sales, services, and parts. The public hearing was scheduled for 8/14.

In other business, a lot on Washburn Avenue was made into a one home subdivision, with the rest of property going to the town. The board signed an agreement to approve the lot. Mr. Hayward said that the lot would include a gravel road at the request of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission, adding that, "it is a delicate area."

The board also discussed the use of chip seal on residential streets. Chip seal is a pavement treatment that combines layers of asphalt and fine gravel or sand aggregate to make a durable road surface.

Mr. Roth said the board was still waiting for comments about the proposal and that they would hold a public hearing about the seal in September.

Mr. Roth also discussed a new project to set up a second Community Development Block Grant Target

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Driver damages marsh; ConCom stalls Ristuccia

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neighb News Correspondent

The Massachusetts Environmental Police are considering criminal charges against a Fairhaven resident who drove a full-size pickup truck through Nasketucket Bay marshlands off Shawmut Street, Chairperson Andrew Jones disclosed at the Fairhaven Conservation Commission's Monday, 7/9, meeting. Mr. Jones said that the person(s) — who the police did not identify — was seeking a closer launching point for his or her kayak.

"I was called by the environmental police today," Mr. Jones informed the commission. "Someone took photos of someone driving a pickup truck and basically the person drove way out into the saltmarsh and left big tire ruts and mud everywhere... There is damage."

Mr. Jones estimated that there are at least a couple-hundred feet of tire treads on the marsh, which is owned by the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust.

"I wholeheartedly support [the charges]. Shame on them. At the best I hope they have to pay restitution to repair that marsh," said Mr. Jones.

"They had no regard to land and habitat, or the turtles," added commissioner Cora-Dorothy Peirce. "If you are at a saltmarsh, you really shouldn't walk on it. And don't drive on it."

Mr. Jones said after the meeting that the last town incident involving environmental police occurred when people rode ATVs near Egypt Lane.

"That does happen," he said.

Also that night, ConCom breezed through several hearings, postponing a few until its next meeting on 7/23.

The commission approved a Notice of Intent (NOI) filed by Raymond Morrison, who sought to cap an existing boat ramp and wall

within a coastal beach/velocity (VE) flood zone, at 25 Nakata Ave.

Engineer Rich Rheume presented the plans to the commission, with Mr. Morrison explaining the need for the work.

"I want to rebar the existing ramp and fix the wall before it falls over," said Mr. Morrison. "It is already starting to crack, and big holes are coming through... I figure if I do it the right way it would hold the structure for a long time."

With no objections, the commission approved the request. Mr. Morrison indicated that he plans to do the bulk of the work.

Also that evening, the commission

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"I want the board to know I'm coming back soon," he said.

did not permit a request from applicant Michael Ristuccia to allow for a percolation test in lieu of flagging near his property at Bass Creek Road, which is situated close to West Island State Reservation.

State wetlands specialist John Rockwell already had flagged the area, but had missed sections, Mr. Ristuccia explained.

"Ideally, flagging all the way down is the right thing to do, but I don't want the extra expense ... That's a couple of thousand dollars of money to spend. I don't think I need to do it, but if it turns out I need to, I'm perfectly willing to do it," he said.

Mr. Jones, however, said he felt delineating the wetlands was preferable, and with a nod from Mr. Ristuccia, asked Conservation Agent

Wayne Fostin to arrange for Mr. Rockwell to return to flag the missed wetlands. The commission continued the hearing to 7/23.

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In addition, ConCom quickly approved a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for a percolation test at 162 Weeden Road, which is within 50 feet of the bordering vegetated wetlands. Engineer Ken Ferreira said applicant Albert Roza is looking to fix the septic system, in anticipation of possibly selling the property. The commission approved the request unanimously.

As final business, the board approved two certificates of compliance for 117 Balsam Street per the recommendation of Mr. Fostin. One involved a 2001 addition to the house, and the other for a 1998 repair to a seawall following Hurricane Bob.

"Basically the site was stabilized. That is what I look for," Mr. Fostin told the commission.

The commission also continued several hearings, including:

- An NOI filed by Peter Teves of 25 Shaws Cove to construct a small concrete pad, grading, and maintaining the front yard within a barrier beach and flood zone
- An RDA from applicants Luis Martins and Mary Martins, Trustees of the Martins Family Living Trust, to perform a percolation test at a plot off New Boston Road.
- An NOI from Luis Pacheco to remove invasive vegetation by planting a lawn, and construction of a stone wall within 100 feet of coastal bank/VE flood zone, at 307R Scoticut Neck Road. After the fact filing.

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Area for renovating local streets and houses. The board authorized funds in the amount of \$700 which will be combined with \$3,100 from the Planning and Economic Development Department to be used to set up mapping and build a database using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology.

Mr. Roth said that the second Target Area is comprised of two census block groups. The area's approximate boundary is Plymouth Street on the south, Adams street on the east, Winsor Street on the North and the Acushnet River on the west. He said the area was based on census income data and encompasses residential and commercial properties.

Mr. Roth noted that it is a long process that could take two to three years for the state to approve the Target Area. He stressed the importance of starting immediately, and said that with new GIS technology being used the process will be a lot easier and less costly.

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Oops....how'd that happen?



Neighb News readers are the best! Thanks to Marianne Brodo for sending us these photos of a pickup truck being pulled out of the water at the Seaview Avenue boat ramp on Saturday, 7/7, around 11:30 a.m. According to Fairhaven police, no injuries were reported. The woman driving the truck jumped out when she realized it was going in the water. Police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Kobza said it "happens all the time." He said the extra high tide probably contributed to the mishap. *Photos courtesy of Marianne Brodo. See them in color at www.Neighbews.com*

Lindsey Ashworth earns "Fairhaven Idol" title

On Thursday, 6/21, 14 contestants vied for the title of "Fairhaven Idol," with 12-year-old Lindsey Ashley beating out the competition to gain the coveted title. The judges were David Arruda, Gloria Crist, Marcelle Gauvin.

Competing in the 12-and-under group were: Marissa Araujo, 10, who sang, "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz; Lindsey Ashworth, 12, who sang "Bust Your Windows" by Jazmine Sullivan; Elizabeth Cardelli, 12, who sang "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele; Maya Tavares, 12, who sang "Some People" by Alysha Keys; Emma Whynacht, 8, who sang "Home" from the "Wiz."

In 13-18 group: Samantha Couto, 14, sang, "Orange Colored Sky"; Hanna Christ, 17, sang, "To Make You Feel My Love" by Adele; Lee Guillotte, 13, sang, "The Lazy Song" by Bruno Mars; Kennedy Ryan, 14, sang, "Back to December" by Taylor Swift; Tayla Smith, 17, sang, "A little bit Stronger" by Sara Evans

In the 19+ group: Jarryd Blanchard, 23, "Me and Mrs. Jones"; Andrew Greene, 57, "I left my heart in San Francisco"; Jacqueline Marashio sang and played guitar to, "Ain't No Sunshine When Shes Gone"; Anthony

Ramous, 45, sang, "Mac the Knife."

Lindsey Ashworth, 12, won in her age group and also won best overall earning her the title of "Fairhaven Idol"; Samantha Couto, 14, won first place in the 13-18 group and won third best over all; Jarryd Blanchard, 19, won first place in the 19+ age group and came in second best over all. These winners will perform on July 14 at the Family Fun Day at Livesey Park.

All contestants received certificates.



LEFT: Lindsey Ashworth who won first place in the 12-and-under category and best over all to earn the title "Fairhaven Idol," sings "Bust Your Windows" by Jazmine Sullivan at the Fairhaven Idol competition on June 21. TOP: Samantha Couto won first place in the 13-18 age group and third over all. BOTTOM RIGHT: Elizabeth Cardelli, 12, sings "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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