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## Ingenuity on display at WI Wacky Regatta



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The four contestants in the West Island Wacky Regatta make their way across the water off the Causeway Road Beach, north side. The line-up above changed a little when "Flower Power" went down for awhile and was overtaken by the "USS Lone Star." See page 16 for story and more photos. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://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.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, I really wanted to be profound this week. We've got several items this week to prompt some profundity: On page 3 is a story about an allegation of a racist slur by a town official; on page 25 is another Whitfield-Manjiro chapter about the special relationship Fairhaven has with Japan.

But, it's just too late. I've got to get this to the printer or we won't have a paper at all this week.

Racism, whether it's imagined by the hypersensitive, blatant and unchallenged by the ignorant, or subtle and silently destructive, is not something to be taken lightly. I need more than 10 minutes to wax poetic on that.

So, I'll save it for another week, or maybe for my blog (<http://bethdavidmusings.blogspot.com/>)

Meanwhile, let's move onto lighter fare: the ice cream truck has been skipping my street. NOT FAIR. I can see you, but I can't hear you....Oh, the agony.

The Wacky Regatta made the front cover this week, although there were other contenders (beehive at the Millicent on page 18, cherry tree dedication on page 25, family movie night on page 18). The West Island wacky people made wacky boats and propelled them across the beach for a truly wacky time. See page 16 for that.

We've got another column from Gary Souza, writing from West Africa. This week, he tells us about Liberian "traditional justice," a system that Liberians are trying to replace with the rule of law, but it's not an easy sell. See page 24 for that.

Thousands of bees were suddenly discovered last week at the Millicent Library (shudder, shudder). Thanks to Debbie Charpentier for a great photo of the bees clustered around the drain pipe (did I say "shudder, shudder" yet?).

We also have some meeting coverage for you, of course: page 4 for Selectboard, page 17 for Appeals, page 26 for BPW, pages 10 & 13 for Acushnet news.

Be sure to see page 12 for letters from our readers, including one telling us how wonderful we are (ahem).

Stop & Shop donated 150 boxes to the Shepherd's Pantry after one of the cashiers saw Gerry Payette's letter asking for extra help this summer. See page 25 for that, and keep the pantry in mind. This economy has people scrambling, even for food.

There's other good stuff in here, of course, but you'll just have to thumb through the pages to find it all. While you do that, be sure to notice who's advertising with us and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Well, time to move on and get this baby to bed.

Until next week then,  
See ya,

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## CORRECTIONS

Phew! Sneaked by last week with no boo-boos?

# ConCom member accuses Fostin of using racist slur

By Beth David  
Editor

Conservation commission member Cora-Dorothy Peirce filed a discrimination complaint against Conservation Agent and Building Inspector Wayne Fostin for an ethnic slur she said he made about Anwar Faisal, the owner of Bella Vista Island who has been repeatedly cited by the town for wetlands violations.

According to Ms. Peirce, both on the phone and in her filing with the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), she was "shell shocked" and "dumbfounded" when Mr. Fostin referred to Mr. Faisal as a "Towel Head" and shut down both sites that Mr. Faisal was working on.

To gain permission for work he is doing on Bella Vista Island, Mr. Faisal agreed to restore wetlands behind the recycle center on Arsene Street. When Mr. Fostin visited the site, he found that work had been done without an engineer present, which was a specific requirement for both sites.

Ms. Peirce said that she believes shutting down both sites was excessive, that Mr. Fostin could have stopped the work until an engineer arrived instead of

issuing a cease and desist order.

Ms. Peirce said she went to see Mr. Fostin on a separate matter and they started talking about Mr. Faisal's project getting shut down and that is when he made comment. In her filing with MCAD she said she feels that Mr. Fostin "should not have anything to do with this project site or owner, since his racist remarks make me question his actions."

Mr. Fostin categorically denied making the comment. He said he was not acting alone on the enforcement of the sites, that ConCom member Joe Taylor was with him when he visited Arsene Street, and they were both in phone contact with ConCom chairperson Andy Jones.

When he spoke to the *Neighb News*, Mr. Fostin had not yet been informed by any of the parties of the complaint.

"I've heard from nobody...nobody at all," said Mr. Fostin. "I can't believe these state agencies can file against someone and everyone knows without the person it's against knowing about it."

He said he would not comment further until he saw the actual complaint.

After that interview, attorneys for Mr. Faisal notified the town and asked that all correspondence regarding Mr. Faisal,

including all electronic records, be preserved in case of future action.

Selectboard Chairperson Brian Bowcock confirmed that the town received the correspondence and that the board had discussed it in executive session (see page 4).

He said that Mr. Fostin had denied the allegation and that there were no witnesses to the comment.

"MCAD is going to do their investigation and we're going to kind of wait and see what they report back to us," said Dr. Bowcock. "It's one of those difficult things when you have only two people...and obviously there's two different versions or recollections of what went on."

The order of conditions on the projects allowed Mr. Fostin to shut down both sites in case of a violation, but Ms. Peirce contended that the situation that arose was "not why we put that wording in there."

Dr. Bowcock also said that MCAD had notified the town, but he wished he had gotten the notification directly from Ms. Peirce.

She, however, said that the town had no protocol for reporting discrimination

MCAD: cont'd on page 4

## Re-elect Rep. Bill Straus



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**THURSDAY, September 6, 2012**

# Selectboard denies remote participation; Morra resigns

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

Monday night's selectboard meeting was short and succinct, as board members wrapped up a number of discussions that began during the 7/30 meeting.

The Housing Authority's request to allow remote participation was denied, with selectboard members citing potential for abuse as just one of the reasons for voting against it. Although remote participation, including conference calls and Skype meetings, is permitted by the state, and future officials have the option to revisit the topic, the selectboard members agreed unanimously with the Executive Secretary's opinion that it did not constitute a good policy for the town at this time.

Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch also took the time to clarify some confusion surrounding the public release of executive session minutes, which also came up at the 7/30 meeting.

"Each meeting when you vote on the executive session minutes, you're basically approving what's written by whoever took the notes at that meeting. That does not necessarily make it available to the public," he explained to the board. "I think there's some misconception that if the executive minutes are approved, they're available to be released [the next day], and that's not the case and you need to be cognizant of that."

Minutes that involve unresolved legal disputes cannot be released, nor can discussions that involve employee health issues, due to HIPPA (health information privacy) laws, he explained.

"Some issues may or may not ever be made available to the public."

Selectboard chairperson Brian Bowcock noted that the town of Dartmouth's selectboard meets quarterly

to review minutes of executive sessions with legal counsel to determine whether or not items need to be kept in confidence. The Fairhaven board agreed to schedule a meeting to review minutes from the last three months of executive sessions to see what has been resolved and can be released publicly.

The board briefly touched upon a previous discussion of a gift account for the Bike Path Committee, noting that there is already an existing account for that purpose. The selectboard agreed that they were comfortable with allowing the BPW to continue maintaining the account, and will send both the BPW and the Bike Path Committee letters informing them of how funding process works.

Joseph Morra tendered his resignation from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals via e-mail, and members of the selectboard will be meeting shortly with the planning board to discuss nominations to choose Mr. Morra's replacement. Residents interested in serving on either board are invited to send a letter to the selectboard.

The selectboard accepted Raymond Sylvia's resignation from the Fairhaven Housing Authority and appointed Kathleen Audette to the Sustainability Committee. They also voted to authorize reimbursing selectboard member Bob Espindola for travel related expenses to a Department of Revenue regionalization seminar on September 10. The board also voted to send a letter of thanks to Lisa Bindas for her contribution of a stone bench in honor of Dr. Hinohara as part of the Whitfield-Manjiro Society's cherry tree planting and dedication.

The demolition of the old Wood School will be completed by Friday, according to an update from Mr. Osuch, and the board approved a \$532,575 payment to

contractors for work done in July. There also has been progress on the digester project, which is now at the point where the town can take over operations, he continued.

The board convened in executive session to discuss matters involving digester costs and issues raised by Attorney Ken Littman at the last meeting. The board also intended to discuss a town hall employee issue involving a discrimination complaint filed by Conservation Commission member Cora-Dorothy Peirce.\*

Ms. Peirce made an unscheduled appearance at the meeting asking to speak with the selectboard just before they recessed to move into executive session. Although she didn't divulge details about her complaint, she said she wanted to voice her distress that the town did not have adequate protocols to handle discrimination complaints. Unlike the City of New Bedford, which has a Human Relations Commission charged with investigating such complaints, there is no corresponding body in place in Fairhaven, leading her to file with the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination, she said.

"There's no chain of command, nowhere to turn to, our hands are tied," she said.

Ms. Peirce informed the board that she was not the direct recipient of the comments in question, but was instead a witness to remarks made about another resident.

"No one should have derogatory remarks made against them by a town hall employee," she continued. "No matter how much you like a person or how much you banter back and forth, there's no room for racism."

\*See related story on page 3.

**MCAD: cont'd from page 3**  
and she did not feel comfortable reporting to Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

"Because of a history of not being taken seriously by him on a number of other issues," said Ms. Peirce.

Because she is the designated human rights officer at her job, Ms. Peirce said she felt an obligation to report the incident or she would just be a "hypocrite."

"It changed everything [Mr. Fostin's] ever done, for me," said Ms. Peirce of the comment. "I just feel his racist comments have tainted all of his actions. So I don't know what's real or imagined."

She said the Commission has tried to

get him to issue enforcement orders in other instances and he would not.

The letter to the town from Mr. Faisal's attorney states that Mr. Faisal and his wife, Heiam Alsawalhi, who is the listed owner of the property, "will be pursuing all available avenues of legal action against the Town as a result of their discriminatory treatment at the hands of Town employees."

In a phone interview, Joshua Krefetz of Krefetz & Seed said the letter does not necessarily mean that Mr. Faisal will sue the town.

"If the town has a way to address the situation, then I think he's [Mr. Faisal] very happy to wait and see what happens," said Mr. Krefetz. "I will say that

my client feels he had to jump through a lot of unnecessary hoops that someone else might not have had to jump through."

He said Mr. Faisal contends that he has spent approximately \$120,000 in consulting fees, engineering fees, etc., that he feels was unnecessary.

"Obviously Mr. Faisal is very upset about all this," said Mr. Krefetz. "On the other hand he obviously enjoys spending a lot of time in Fairhaven, so I don't want to present that there's a rush to litigation."

But, he added, they would not "rule it out."

MCAD would neither confirm nor deny that there was a complaint filed.



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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Fox was rabid

The fox that bit a woman on Birchfield Street in Fairhaven and was subsequently killed by another neighbor has tested positive for rabies according to Fairhaven Health Agent Patricia Fowle. Residents are cautioned to stay away from wild animals, especially any that are acting strangely. Call the Board of Health at 508-979-4022 for information.

## Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in the state primary is Friday, August 17. The state primary will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6. PLEASE NOTE: The Fairhaven Clerks' office will be open until 5 p.m. on Aug. 17.

Voters should contact their town or clerk's office for details: in Acushnet, 508-998-0215; in Fairhaven, 508-979-4025; in New Bedford, contact Board of Elections, 508-979-1420.

The September election is a Primary election and voters may only receive a ballot in the party in which they are enrolled. Only Unenrolled (Independent) (Undeclared) voters have the option to select the party ballot.

## Flipflops Wanted

Mother Wleh's orphans in Liberia need shoes, especially flip-flops. Take them to the Fairhaven police department. See last week's issue (available on [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)), page 19, for Gary Souza's update on Mother Wleh and the children she cares for in the Liberian bush.

## Clambake

At the West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd. Accessible. Sunday, 8/19. Tickets required, \$42 pp. Call Linda Meredith, 508-994-8751

## At the Unitarian

The following events are being held at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Call 508-992-7081, or visit [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org).

**Special Summer Sunday Service: "Singing Meditation" by Kim Mitchell and others, August 19 at 9:30.** Since ancient times human beings have used singing and music to create a sacred, spiritual space. This Sunday, Unitarian singers invite

all who wish to join their voices together in simple harmony to come and experience the joy of being and singing together. All are welcome, including listeners!

## 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](mailto:ann.richard@gmail.com) or 508-991-8315.

## Cultural Council

The Fairhaven Cultural Council is actively seeking input from community members about the Massachusetts Cultural Council's local grant application process.

In addition, the council is always seeking new members and welcomes any Fairhaven resident interested in joining. For more information, please contact chairperson Laura Gardner at 508-542-7152 or [lgardner86@me.com](mailto:lgardner86@me.com)

## Yard Sale F-R

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, will hold its Annual Yard Sale, from 9am to 3pm on **Saturday, August 18. Rain or shine!** The menu will include stuffed cabbage, corn-on-the-cob, desserts, soft drinks and coffee. Take-out available, 508-991-8596, [www.goodshepherdfairhaven.com](http://www.goodshepherdfairhaven.com)

## Cocktail Party F-R

The **Fairhaven Youth Football Association** is holding a Kick-Off Cocktail Part on **Friday August 24**, at The Seaport Inn, Fairhaven, from 7 p.m.-Midnight, featuring the Freeze Pops. Come support your local Pop Warner Football & Cheer Athletes! Raffle, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres. **Admission: \$20.00.** Tickets available through your local Time Warner athlete or at the door.

## Bereavement Prog.

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association offers free bereavement programs for grieving adults during the month of August. General Bereavement Groups are designed for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

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

Individual, short-term bereavement counseling is also available to adults. For more information call 800-698-6877.

## Annual Bag Sale

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Shop First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center Street is holding its annual summer bag sale.

**Fill a bag with clothes for only \$3.00! Sale runs August 15th through August 25th.**

Store hours are Wednesday and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

## Texas Hold'em

The Fairhaven Gridiron Club is holding a Texas Holdem Tournament to help support Fairhaven Blue Devils football on September 8th at the Seaport Inn. Check in 12:30. Game starts at 2pm.

**Tickets are \$50, includes a buffet at the break.** Tickets available at Fairhaven Recreation, or any of the Gridiron members.

For information please call Rachel Martin 508-287-1563.

## Vascular Screenings

Southcoast Hospitals Group will hold free vascular screenings at Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care, **206 Mill Road in Fairhaven, on Thursday, August 23.** Appointments will be scheduled between noon and 4 p.m. Please call 800-276-0103 to schedule an appointment.

Regular vascular screenings can detect peripheral artery disease, or PAD, a potentially serious circulatory problem. The non-invasive screenings are performed by a trained nurse and take approximately 20 minutes. Patients should arrive 15 minutes prior to screening time.

The free vascular screenings are open to both men and women. Appointments are required. Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. No walk-ins will be accepted on screening days. For more information on Southcoast's endovascular services call 800-276-0103 or [www.southcoast.org/endovascular/](http://www.southcoast.org/endovascular/).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Concerts in Park

Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced the 2012 summer concert series for seniors, sponsored by the Mayor's Office. This lively free concert series will feature musical performances on Wednesday evenings this summer at New Bedford's Buttonwood Park.

The 2012 Summer Concert Series is a great opportunity for seniors to enjoy a free evening of musical entertainment sponsored by the City of New Bedford. Artists will play jazz, swing and classical tunes. Upcoming concerts at Buttonwood Park include:

- **Wed., August 29, 2012- "Meadow Larks Combo"**

Concert attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets. Should inclement weather occur on the evening of any of the scheduled concerts, the program will be relocated to the Buttonwood Park Senior Center. For additional information, please contact the City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation and Beaches at (508) 961-3015.

## Call for Artists

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is launching an annual Artist in Residence (AIR) initiative that will be a catalyst for the design and construction of art installations and performances which will highlight the vibrant history of the city. The inaugural project will be a mural in the heart of the national park. The theme of the mural will be **to honor the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry**, one of the nation's first African-American Civil War military units. It will be completed in Summer 2013, in time for the 150th anniversary of the 54th's mustering and famous stand at Fort Wagner. The mural will face Custom House Square, the spot where New Bedford men originally enlisted for service.

**Information on how to submit an application can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/nebe/air.htm>**

## Call for Plays

Culture\*Park is now accepting submissions of short original plays for the **11th Annual Short Plays Marathon**, taking place this year in downtown New Bedford on Saturday,

November 24. **The deadline for submissions to reach Culture\*Park is Monday, October 1, 2012.**

For submission guidelines email [culturepark.ed@earthlink.net](mailto:culturepark.ed@earthlink.net), or call 774-202-0588. Visit the web site at [www.culturepark.org](http://www.culturepark.org) for information about Culture\*Park, and to view clips from previous Marathons. Follow the 11th Marathon on facebook!

## Singers Invited

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society invites singers to join. Requirements: blend with your section, pay nominal dues for music, etc. No private audition. Rehearsals Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, corner of County and Union Streets.

Starting date, Sept. 4. Contact 508-644-2419.

## Cemetery tour

**On Sunday, August 19**, the New Bedford Preservation Society will present the first of two cemetery tours focusing on the Civil War period at Rural Cemetery in New Bedford, where portrayals in historical costumes will depict New Bedford's famous and not-so-famous at grave sites along the tour route.

Volunteers will provide guided walking tours from the Grape Street entrance of the cemetery every 10 minutes beginning at 1 p.m., with the last tour leaving at 2:30 p.m. The approximately one-hour walking tour highlights twenty graves. At noon guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch and visit with the Civil War enactors, who will be picnicking at the old "pond site" section of the cemetery.

For many years New Bedford families enjoyed the pond view, but in 1952 the city filled in the pond due to health considerations. The pond site is now defined by encircling avenues and is open and undeveloped.

New Bedford's Rural Cemetery was founded in 1837 and is the fifth oldest rural cemetery in the United States. Cemeteries have been called outdoor museums, windows to the culture of the past. They not only serve as a resting place for the departed, they tell us much about the times in which they lived.

Tickets are \$15 and may be

purchased at the Grape Street Rural Cemetery gate on the day of tour. A \$3 discount will be given to New Bedford Preservation Society members. Rain date is August 26.

A second cemetery tour focused on the Civil War period will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery on Sunday, October 21 (rain date October 28).

Call the New Bedford Preservation Society at 508-997-7425 or visit [www.nbpreservationsociety.org](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org) for further information. The tour is non-handicap accessible.

## Play Auditions

Prominent Southcoast Director Bob Gillet will audition actors to fill eight roles in Your Theatre, Inc.'s production of "Woman in Mind," one of Alan Ayckbourn's most powerful plays. Tryouts will be held **Sunday, August 19, at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, August 21, at 7 p.m.** in the 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.

Delving deeply into middle class life, the play is about a housewife who experiences hilarious hallucinations in which her oppressive and boring everyday life is replaced by an ideal fantasy existence.

Roles include: Susan, a 40s-50s housewife who creates a fantasy world from things she's read about; and Gerald, mid-40s to 50s, Susan's real husband and a vicar whose interest in his wife has faded.

Other characters are Muriel, Gerald's early 50s self-centered live-in sister; Rick, Susan's early 20s real son who's part of a cult that forbids members to speak to their parents; and Bill Windsor, Susan's mid-40s doctor who is fonder of her than one would expect.

Three imaginary characters who exist in Susan's mind but are visible to the audience include: Andy, Susan's slightly younger, handsome, devoted husband; Tony, her mid-30s to 40 mischievous brother; and Lucy, the beautiful early 20s daughter who shares secrets with Susan.

The show will run in January. For more information call 508-993-0772, or e-mail [info@yourtheatre.org](mailto:info@yourtheatre.org), visit [www.yourtheatre.org](http://www.yourtheatre.org).

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Farmers Market

The Acushnet Farmers Market is held each Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 am to 1 pm at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard Street, Acushnet. We have ample off street parking and several vendors each week. For more information please call Joanne Harding at 508.951.1551 or email [eventsonthefarm@gmail.com](mailto:eventsonthefarm@gmail.com)

## Singers Wanted

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2012 holiday concert, *The Many Moods of Christmas*. Rehearsals begin Monday September 10, and are held every Monday, 7:30-9:30 PM at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett. New members are welcomed to **join until September 24th**. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are \$35. Concert dates: Friday November 30th and Sunday December 2nd. For more information: [osuch1@aol.com](mailto:osuch1@aol.com). Visit [www.sippicanchoral.org](http://www.sippicanchoral.org).

## Auditions/Musical

The First Congregational Church Of Marion will hold auditions for the production of *"Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids"* on **Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at 28 Main Street** in the church sanctuary. There are parts for singers, dancers and actors, dogs, cats, villains and heroins! Church and community members auditioning must be ages 7 to adult. Wendy Bidstrup will lend her directing talents and Sandy Morgan will act as Musical Director. The Musical production will serve as a fundraiser for both the church and Annual Holiday Cantata Fund. Rehearsals will be held weekly with a date and time to be determined by the cast and crew. The play will be presented October 26th and 27th.

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## NE Blues Fest

New England Blues Fest presents *Red, White & Blue* on August 18, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (rain date, Aug. 25), at Battis Field, Jackson Street, Middleborough, MA Live music, BBQ, Arts & Crafts, Raffles. Visit [www.NEBluesfest.com](http://www.NEBluesfest.com) for more info

## Summer Conversation

The next Summer Conversation on **Thurs. Aug. 23 will be held at historic Apponegansett Meeting House 856 Russells Mills Road at 7 pm**. Psychologist Paki Wieland will speak on "Engaging the Elderly in multigenerational conversations and what elders have to offer."

According to Ms. Wieland she is moved by the Native American Proverb, "When the Grandmother speaks, and the land will heal." Ms. Wieland sees her work today as that of mystical activism engaged in Buddhism or simply responding to the spirit, to choose life. Her deep social work roots find flowering in the myriad places and situations in which she finds herself in "retirement."

Speakers are sponsored by Smith Neck Friends Meeting, the Westport Friends, and Allen's Neck Society of Friends. Donations to fund this program are appreciated. The historic building is accessible. The public is invited and light refreshment is served. For information call (508)999-3526 or visit [www.snmf.org](http://www.snmf.org).

## Concert F-R

The Country Club of New Bedford will host the international touring band BRASS TRANSIT, the musical legacy of Chicago, with a percentage of proceeds to benefit the Schwartz Center for Children. The concert will take place on **Fri., Aug. 17 at 8 p.m.** on the grounds of the Country Club, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth. Tickets are \$50 per person (concert only) and food and beverages will be available to purchase beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.schwartzcenter.org](http://www.schwartzcenter.org) or by calling the Country Club directly at 508-993-3453. Mention the

Schwartz Center to receive a guest pass for 18 holes of golf at the Country Club of New Bedford. With each ticket sold, a portion of the proceeds (\$20.00) will go directly to programming at the Schwartz Center for Children and funds raised will be matched by an anonymous donor.

## Tavern Night

The Smith-Appleby House Museum will re-create the experience of a colonial tavern for modern day New Englanders at its **"Smith-Appleby Tavern Night" on Saturday, August 18, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Visitors are invited to grab a pint or two from the tavern's serving wenches, feast on hearty colonial fare, and listen to period tavern music. They'll also be treated to a lamplight tour, and hear tales about the historic colonial farmhouse, escorted by 18th century farmers, merchants, and militiamen as portrayed by museum volunteers.

"Smith-Appleby Tavern Night" is open to adults only. Admission is \$10, which includes food and beverage. No reservations are needed. The Smith-Appleby House is located just off I-295 (Exit 8-B) at 220 Stillwater Road in Smithfield, RI. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.smithapplebyhouse.org> or call 1-401-231-7363.

## Volunteers needed

Operation Homefront, the national non-profit that provides emergency financial and other assistance to military families and Wounded Warriors, has announced its annual Back-to-School Brigade program to collect school supplies for military kids. Operation Homefront, and its organizations and volunteers, across the nation are already collecting donated school supplies and monetary donations, that they will distribute to the children of service members at the beginning of the school year.

To help military kids can log on to [OperationHomefront.net/backtoschoolbrigade](http://OperationHomefront.net/backtoschoolbrigade) or [Facebook.com/OperationHomefront](https://www.facebook.com/OperationHomefront).

In 2011, the Back-to-School Brigade program raised over \$2 million in monetary donations and school supplies, and provided 30,000 back-packs to fill with school supplies for children of military service members.

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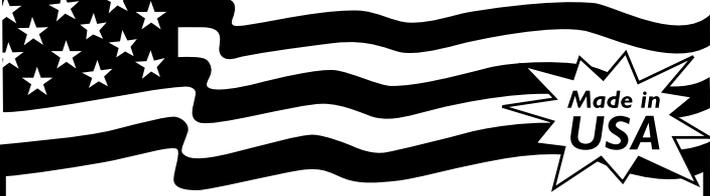
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## Recipes of the Week

### Baked Bluefish

One bluefish fillet (1/2 to 1 lb.)  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
3-5 very thin slices of fresh lemon  
3 pats of butter (about a tsp ea)  
Several sprigs of fresh herbs such as tarragon, thyme, fennel fronds, and/or parsley (or a teaspoon of dried herbs such as Italian seasoning)  
3 Tbsp dry white wine  
2 Tbsp lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut a piece of foil large enough to enclose the fillet. Place the foil in a roasting pan. Rinse the bluefish fillet and place it in the center of the foil, skin side down.

Sprinkle the fillet with salt and pepper. Lay a layer of thin lemon slices on top of the fillet. Arrange pats of butter along the top of the fillet. Lay several sprigs of fresh herbs on top of the butter and lemon slices.

Create a boat shape with the foil around the fish so that liquid does not leak out. Pour white wine over the fish, and sprinkle with the lemon juice. Crimp the edges of the foil together so they are relatively sealed.

Place in the preheated oven (or you can put the foil packet on the grill) and bake for 15-20 minutes or so, until the fish is cooked through and opaque. Carefully lift the fillet from the foil and place on a serving dish. Pour the cooking liquid over the fish to serve.

## Acushnet holds off on speed limit signs, hires clerk

By Diane Kozak

### Neighb News Correspondent

At the August 13th Selectboard meeting the board appointed Bridget Benoit of Fairhaven for the part time senior clerk position in the Building Department. A total of 36 people applied for the position. Seven were interviewed by Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, Building Inspector Jim Marot and Administrative Assistant Lisa Leonard. Ms. Benoit was the number one pick of the candidates based on her education and experience. She will work in the department for 19 hours per week.

"It would really help to get her in here as quickly as possible because Jim (Marot) has been doing double duty up there and Karen (Amarello) from Conservation has really helped out a lot also," Mr. Coutinho said in regard to the urgency of Ms. Benoit's appointment.

In another matter, a resident of Nye's Lane sent a letter to the selectboard requesting that speed limit signs be posted on the street due to a speeding car problem in the neighborhood.

Selectboard chairperson David Wojnar stated that it was not the first complaint about fast driving on Nye's Lane the town has received. He noted that although the complaint itself is not new, the resident who wrote the letter has never contacted the town about the matter before now. The resident also complained that there is a great deal of littering occurring on the street. Mr. Wojnar pointed out

that the littering is in violation of the town's newly enacted anti-littering bylaw.

"I understand there were increased controls back in the spring," Mr. Wojnar said to Mr. Coutinho about the Nye's Lane area. "Will you coordinate with the chief [of police] ... it may be time to renew that again."

The selectboard voted to refer the matter to the Safety Committee with a goal to develop a plan to deal with the persisting problem.

In other matters the board approved a \$2,000 reserve fund transfer to cover the cost of the town's new police cruiser. The purchase price was \$31,775 compared to an estimated cost of \$30,000. The board also approved the town's Community Nurse and Hospice Contract.

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Mark Twain

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Denis Leary

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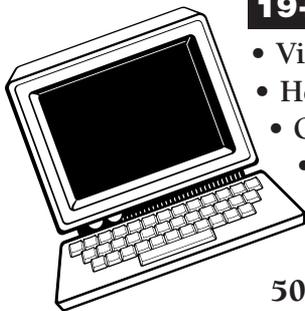
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# Letters to the editor

## Reading lists should be released earlier

Although I have voiced my objections about a particular title chosen (twice) for the Hastings Middle School Summer Reading List, I conclude that I have no control as to what is recommended by the public school. I have spent a lot of time this summer trying to come up with a solution to my ill feelings about why this book is on the list, and what can be done about it.

I cannot make the administrators, the Superintendent and Hastings principal, or the School Committee see my point. If the administrators are proud of their decisions, then so be it.

The only recourse I have in settling this summer reading issue is to request, through a signature campaign (petition), that Hastings Middle School release their summer reading lists in a timely manner for parents to be able to read every book on the list, in order to choose the best selections for their children.

The administrator suggests that because there is a choice of books to read, that parents are given the option to allow their child to read a particular book or not. I suggest that for parents to make the best choices, from what is recommended, that we have to read them instead of relying on a reviewer's opinion, or school recommendation.

I am requesting for Hastings Middle School to release the lists in a timely manner that allows parents time to read the books. I will ask the School Committee, at a future meeting, to allow four days before summer dismissal for each book on

the list, i.e. if the lists contain eight books, then the lists are released at least 32 days before vacation.

If parents are supposed to make the best choices for their children, then shouldn't we at least have a fair opportunity to see for ourselves what the choices are?

If anyone is interested in participating in my request to receive the summer reading list in a more timely manner, please contact me at michellejfurtado@verizon.net. Thank you.

*Michelle Furtado, Fairhaven*

## Bob Duarte will be missed

Last Sunday, I lost a dear friend! He remained in contact with me for over 50 years, even though we would only see each other at Homecoming weekend each year. He would always talk about the great times we had growing up in North Fairhaven, who from our childhood he had seen the previous year and basically kept me "tuned in" to all the news that was relative to my youth and North Fairhaven. We played many sports together and shared many fun times.

He was instrumental in getting me inducted in the UMASS-Dartmouth Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 and, as Beth accurately pointed out in her tribute in last week's Neighb News, it was his commitment to detail that was the determining factor.

Fairhaven has lost one of those special people who was more interested in enhancing the lives of others in town than his own. He had been sick for a number

of years, but always laughed and talked about the future of the town. If there is anyone who should be inducted to the FHS Hall of Fame for value given to the school and town, I nominate Bob.

He will definitely rest in peace because his job on earth was well done!!!!

*John E Kidd, North Fairhaven native*

## Florida resident loves the Neighb News

After receiving an email from her sister, Mary Heroux, with a link to visit the Neighb News website to see a picture of Mary on Irish Night on West Island, Anne McNally asked Mary to send this letter to the editor.

In all the Neighborhood News-type publications I have read (having living in many different states over the years), I have never read any that have come close to your Neighborhood News.

The color pictures that you have online really impressed me. I read it from cover to cover and thought it was a wonderful, informative weekly newspaper. The ad for the lobster roll at the Huttleston House had my husband wishing we were there enjoying lobster.

Now that I have the website, I am sure I will be visiting it often.

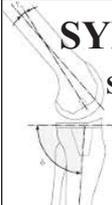
*Anne McNally, Celebration Florida by way of Mary Heroux, Fairhaven*

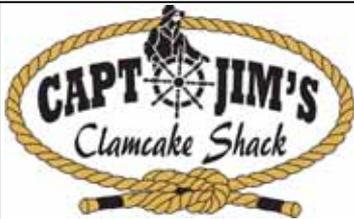
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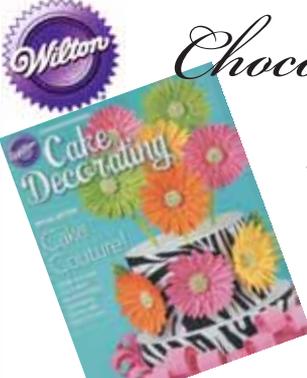
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# Acushnet holds national night out



On Tuesday, August 7th, the town of Acushnet joined with other communities to celebrate National Night Out. Over 100 children and their families gathered at the Senior Center building to explore police cruisers, a fire truck and the resounding favorite: the DPW's heavy duty equipment! Activities available also included temporary tattoos, coloring stations, child identification kits, live music and much more. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Acushnet Police Association and Council on Aging. ABOVE: Rachel of Acushnet takes her turn in the Acushnet Police Department's Car 21. RIGHT: Two Acushnet residents pose beside the inflatable Patriots player that greeted families at the entrance of the Senior Center. Submitted photos. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



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## NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

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## Kool Kids Summer

Kool Kids is for children entering 1st grade to age 12. Children will have fun each day by participating in a variety of sports, games and art activities. Each session will also include special themed events. Children are grouped by the grade they will enter in the Fall. Don't miss out on this great summer program. Last year's program was full every week. Sign up early so we can take more participants than in years past. Hours: Monday thru Friday 8AM—3PM, Drop off 7:45AM—Pick up 3PM \*extended day will be available; AM only (7AM) - \$25, PM only(4PM) - \$25, Both \$40

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# West Island Wacky Regatta shows ingenious designs

By Beth David  
Editor

The second annual West Island Wacky Regatta showed the ingenuity and determination of a small group of seafarers on Saturday, 8/11.

The four entries included “Flower Power,” which had a colorful wind catcher on the front (possibly to aid in propulsion), and was made from a piece of the West Island float’s sand castle from the bicentennial parade.

The “USS Lone Star” utilized an old closet door and plastic jugs. It was supposed to have been propelled by a snow shovel acting as oar. The group entering the vessel was visiting from Texas and staying on West Island.

“Don’t Tread on Me,” by Bob and Randy was to make up for the

“catastrophic failure” of last year according to Randy.

“This is our redemption,” he said.

Utilizing styrofoam strapped to wood, it was the only vessel that actually resembled a boat.

“Cooler Sailing,” the uncontested winner of the race, used four coolers with a piece of plywood tied to them for a deck. It started out with two milk crates on top for seats, but ended up with Donna (Hunter) Curlop sitting directly on the plywood, while her son Cody kicked from behind.

In fact, all the entries ended up being pushed from behind by a kicking team member. They all made last minute adjustments after getting the vessels in the water.

Rules of the regatta included not

using any materials that would normally be used on a boat. Vessels had to be assembled on the beach.

The race took place just off the shore of the Causeway Road Beach, north side, and started west, heading east with the SW wind towards the island. First prize was two captains’ hats and went to the Corlups in “Cooler Sailing.” Booby prize was a pirate scarf and went to the crew of “Flower Power,” which was poised to come in just ahead of Lone Star, until Flower Power foundered.

One late entry would have been disqualified anyway because it was not put together on the beach, but the big wheel of air-filled plastic floats made a great bubble house for the kids by the shore.

## Test Runs



It was a smart move for all four vessels in the second annual West Island Wacky Regatta to take test runs. They all had to make adjustments to stay afloat. LEFT: Cody Corlup and his mom Donna (Hunter), start to sink on “Cooler Sailing” during their test run. They removed the crates and Cody ended up kicking his mom over the finish line to win first place by a wide margin. MIDDLE: The “Flower Power,” crew just before their test run. RIGHT: making adjustments after the test run proved it wouldn’t work as planned. They almost came in third in a tight race for the back of the pack, but then Flower Power went down and Lone Star (BOTTOM RIGHT) pulled ahead. BOTTOM LEFT: Bob (left) and Randy just before getting into “Don’t Tread on Me,” which came in second behind Cooler Sailing. All contestants attributed Cooler Sailing’s win to the strong kicking power of young Cody Corlup. Photos by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events.



# Appeals board says “no,” to dismay of both owners & members

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

A few unexpected votes caused some disappointed applicants to leave the 8/7 meeting of the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals in disbelief, with one vote compelling one board member to vent his frustration after the meeting was adjourned.

A general air of discord among board members set in after Associate Board Member Rene Fleurent, Jr. proposed an exceptionally restrictive condition on a special permit for applicant Matthew Burlinson of 105 Howland Road. Mr. Fleurent wanted to restrict the house to an owner-occupied three-family only, as a condition of the special permit, if granted.

The topic of Mr. Burlinson's three-family house was touched upon before the meeting started, according to Vice Chairperson Francis Cox, Jr. in a follow-up interview. Mr. Fleurent's proposed condition brought up sour memories for Mr. Cox, who said the suggested restriction was reminiscent of a ZBA decision from 25 years ago that had a major impact on his family's life.

Town records have Mr. Burlinson's three-family house listed as a two-family house, a discrepancy that was discovered when Mr. Burlinson sought to refinance his mortgage. Mr. Burlinson bought the house more than eight years ago, which he says was marketed as a “two-family with in-law suite.” The changes to the owner-occupied home were done 18 years ago, with the addition of the in-law suite, where Mr. Burlinson currently resides. Mr. Burlinson said he even has the house insured as a three-family, and just needs it to be official with the Town.

“I guess this is our chance to correct it,” stated Mr. Cox, who chaired the meeting in Chairperson Peter DeTerra's absence.

“I don't mean to throw a wrench in it,” Mr. Fleurent started to say, before Mr. Cox interrupted him.

“You're not going to throw a wrench in this, are you?” said Mr. Cox.

“There's nothing new here,” added Building Inspector Wayne Fostin, downplaying the discrepancy.

Mr. Fleurent looked to Mr. Burlinson, and wondered aloud how, during eight years of ownership, Mr. Burlinson remained unaware of the

mistake.

“And you're now correcting it because you want to refinance,” said Mr. Fleurent. “I don't want to see multi-family houses in that area.”

“There are multi-families all around me,” said Mr. Burlinson. “It's not like I'm the only one in the neighborhood.”

Mr. Fleurent then requested the condition to restrict the three-family to an owner-occupied dwelling, and said that without the condition, he would vote against the special permit.

Board Member Alberto Silva motioned to approve the special permit as presented, without Mr. Fleurent's condition, followed by Mr.

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I'm not picking on you personally... We've taken a vote. The decision has been made [Rene Fleurent]

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Cox reminding the board that all they were doing was essentially updating the records.

Board Member Peg Cooke chimed in, asking Mr. Burlinson how, during all that time, he could remain unaware of the problem.

“It happens all the time,” said Mr. Fostin in defense of Mr. Burlinson.

As promised, Mr. Fleurent voted against the special permit, along with Ms. Cooke, leaving Mr. Burlinson with only one option to correct his situation: Superior Court.

“I had to get something off my chest,” said Mr. Cox during a phone interview, explaining that after the meeting, he told fellow board members the story of his own family's hardship that resulted from a restriction the ZBA put on his family's business property decades ago.

Mr. Cox said his family's special permit to run Dorothy Cox's Chocolates at its previous location on 115 Huttleston Avenue had a condition placed upon it, restricting the building for use only as a candy store. Mr. Cox said that placed an

undue burden on the family business that he found unfair, which he said echoed Mr. Burlinson's situation.

He [Mr. Fleurent] wants to put restrictions on everything,” said Mr. Cox. “In my opinion, if a person comes in...they write it [the application] a certain way and either you pass it, or you don't.”

In another matter, Mr. Fleurent again showed no mercy, resulting in Tasha Cordeiro of 16 Central Avenue having to uproot and remove over \$2,000 worth of arborvitae hedge bushes, which she planted to buffer the noise from Howland Road, unaware of the bylaw restricting the hedges to a height of 42”.

Ms. Cordeiro gave the board a letter with several signatures of surrounding neighbors who favored the hedges, and then pleaded to keep her hedge intact, offering to compromise by removing every other bush to alleviate the board's concern over visibility.

Board Member Joe Borelli said he went to look at the hedge and spoke to several neighbors and found no problems with the shrubs.

A vote was taken, striking down the special permit 3-2, with Mr. Cox and Mr. Fleurent opposed.

Ms. Cordeiro was taken by surprise by the vote, asking if there was anything she could do to alter the hedges to please the board enough to allow her to keep them.

Mr. Fleurent told her she should have done her research and followed the proper procedure with the Town before going ahead with the plantings.

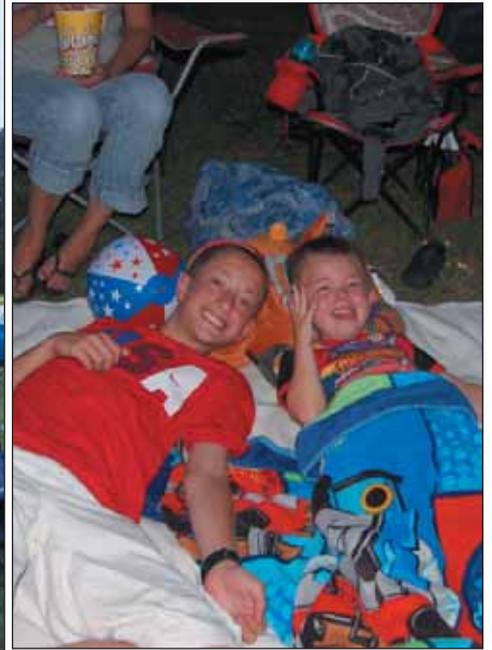
“For me to sit here and accept it, then I'll have to accept it for them [other Fairhaven residents],” said Mr. Fleurent. “I'm not picking on you personally... We've taken a vote. The decision has been made.”

Another twist during the meeting came at the end, when one applicant not listed on the agenda returned before the board, in light of a sudden “conflict of interest” that led to Joe Borelli rescinding his vote from a July 3rd meeting and recusing himself from the matter.

Steve Neron of 2 Cowen Street, accompanied by Fairhaven Conservation Commission Member Joe Taylor, returned before the board requesting another vote to allow him to build a

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## Bicentennial committee holds outdoor family movie night



Fairhaven's Bicentennial Committee held a free family movie night on Sunday, 8/12. The movie, "The Lorax," was originally scheduled to be shown on Saturday, but rain postponed it until Sunday. A 30-foot screen was set up in Livesey Park and free popcorn was served. Beverages were available for purchase and families were encouraged to bring their own snacks. Approximately 200-300 people showed up with chairs and blankets to watch the family friendly flick. The committee is also planning a screening of "Fairhaven," the movie at a date to be decided. LEFT: The movie "The Lorax" gets started at Livesey Park on Sunday, 8/12, as part of Fairhaven's bicentennial celebrations. RIGHT: Two young'uns share a giggle for the camera. *Photos by Beth David.*

## Large beehive at Millicent removed



A large beehive that was spotted by a patron last week was removed from the gutter of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on Friday, 8/10. With help from A#1 Crane Co., professionals from Pro-Con, a pest control company, vacuumed the bees into a box for transport to a bee keeper in Acushnet. LEFT: A photo of the bees before they were removed. RIGHT: Joshua Harding and Nick Lizotte vacuum bees into a box for transport. Beekeepers used a chemical to slow the bees down so they would be less agitated. *Photos courtesy of Debbie Charpentier, Millicent Library archivist. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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## Legal Notices/ Public Hearings

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. **Petitioner: Paul Kennedy**, 22 Fishermans Road, Plat 43A, Lot 246, Certificate #21252; 198-18: Short 11' of the required 30' front setback on a corner lot and 12% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% in a RR District.
2. **Petitioner: Windward Power Systems, Inc. for Rapoza Realty Trust**, 379 Alden Road, Plat 37, Lot 1-A, Book 1893 and Page 1009; 198-18: 16% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 70% and 7% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 25% in a Business District.
3. **Petitioner: Keith Silvia for Lisa Esten & Marc Dunn**, 25 Littleneck Road, Plat 43A, Lot 163, Certificate #21827; 198-18: Short 23' of the required 30' front setback on a corner lot, short 8' of the required 20' west side setback and 4% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 15% in a RR District.
4. **Petitioner: Matthew Brodo for William Nolan**, 168 Cottonwood Street, Plat 43B, Lot 116, Certificate #22649; 198-18: Short 11' of the required 20' south side setback in a RR District.

*Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

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## Residents get rid of hazardous waste



Fairhaven held a hazardous waste day on Saturday, 8/11, at the public works garage on Arsene Street. Sponsored by the Board of Health, the every-other-year-event was an opportunity for residents to rid themselves of toxic wastes, such as old pesticides, paint thinner, and oil based paints. According to the BOH, 178 people took advantage of the day with total cost to the town between \$7,000 and \$9,000. The total will be figured out after the exact nature of the materials is identified and sent to the proper disposal sites. Most people said they were cleaning out basements and sheds. Some said old paint and thinner, etc., had been there since they bought their houses. "People are really happy about this," said Board of Health member Barbara Acksen. "It's better than putting it in the garbage," said Richard Racine. "I think it's a great idea," said Steve Donnelly. "Either that or people are going to dump it down the drain or on the road or in the woods. I think it's an excellent idea." ABOVE LEFT: Workers take hazardous waste from Fairhaven residents on Aug. 11. RIGHT: Board of Health member Barbara Acksen takes information from a resident dropping off hazardous waste. *Photos by Beth David.*

## Wood School should be completely down by Friday



The old LL Wood School on Sconticut Neck Road is being demolished to make way for a new, larger school that will combine the student populations of the Wood and Rogers School. Demolition started last week and will probably be done by Friday. ABOVE: A big excavator digs into the wall of the Wood School on August 10. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

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The 14 trees were planted at different sites in Fairhaven, with 6 at Cooke Park, the site of the dedication.

In springtime the Japanese celebrate "o'hanami," when they travel to see the blossoming cherry trees around the country.

"Looking at these trees [in Cooke Park], hopefully, next year, we can look at them here [for o'hanami]," said Gerry Rooney, president of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House, Visit <http://manjiro1.tripod.com/>

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with Mr. Neron about her opinion that the street was already congested and cluttered with no room for a deck.

Mr. Neron would have required a 4-0 vote in order to pass, so faced with the possibility that Ms. Cooke would vote against the special permit, Mr. Neron chose to withdraw his application without prejudice.

Two applicants that evening walked away happy, when the board voted in favor of a special permit for Brian Patrick Dunn for Dana Morris of 243 Scoticut Neck Road to rebuild a garage with a roof-top deck, before granting a special permit to Kelly and Shawn Dupe of 4 Maple Avenue to rebuild a preexisting closet that hung over the foundation of the house.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 8/18, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/27, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Housing Authority

Tues., 8/21, Oxford Terr., 6 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 8/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Historical Commission

Tues., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Thurs., 8/23, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Tues., 8/21, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 8/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Monday	20	1030	2248	0343*	1607
Tuesday	21	1119	2339	0420*	1654
Wednesday	22	----	1211	0501*	1744
Thursday	23	0032	1307	0546	1844
Friday	24	0129	1405	0640	2010
Saturday	25	0229	1508	0747	2159
Sunday	26	0334	1615	0911	2305
Monday	27	0441	1720	1032	2356
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Thursday	30	0732	1959	0115	1318
Friday	31	0819	2043	0147*	1401

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\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

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board tabled the payment until they could show up and answer the questions. "We've paid them close to a million dollars and they didn't show up tonight which is like a slap in the face," said Mr. Haworth. \*\*\*

**APPEALS: cont'd from page 17** deck 18' from the ground, in light of Mr. Borelli's abstention. Mr. Borelli claimed that his membership in the North Fairhaven Improvement Association should have excluded him from voting on the property, which is located near the center of town.

"I think Cowen Street is totally congested," said Ms. Cooke, after Mr. Neron suggested that perhaps the reason why board members denied his special permit was because they mistakenly thought he intended to construct the deck on the side of the house facing Middle Street. Mr. Neron clarified that he intended to build the deck on the Cowen Street side.

Ms. Cook argued back and forth

# Vietnam trip gives student another view of history

By Meredith Winnett

## Neighb News Correspondent

The days leading up to my trip seemed so unreal, but sure enough, on June 8 I began my 36-hour journey to Hanoi, which included a ride to JFK International, a 14-hour flight to Seoul, a five-hour layover, and a four-hour flight into Hanoi. I was more nervous than I had ever been, but I made it. I was in Southeast Asia!

The trip included five students from Westfield State University, one WSU professor, 15 students from Wilbraham and Monson Academy, and their two teachers. The course studied the culture, media, and history of Vietnam along with the effects of Agent Orange (AO).

The first day there was a huge culture shock. We had fried rice for breakfast and watched children ride their bikes along with the insane traffic patterns.

In Vietnam, people just go. They drive all over the road and red lights are optional. The scariest thing was crossing the road, but we quickly learned that the millions of motorbikes will avoid you as long as you walk at a steady pace and never look back.

There are 6.5 million people living in Hanoi, and 4 million of them own a motorbike.

As you can imagine, the streets are crowded.

Sidewalks become more like parking lots and pedestrians must walk on the side of the road. At first, it's terrifying, but after a week it becomes routine. We did quickly realize that the Vietnamese are very friendly. Many people were ecstatic to find out we were Americans, with some people asking to take pictures

with us.

On the second day, we got down to business. At 9 a.m., we had a meeting with Madame Binh, the former Vice President of Vietnam, and the Vietnam-USA Peace Society, to celebrate the 45-year anniversary of the Bratislava Conference. The Bratislava Conference was a meeting between Americans and Vietnamese with the common idea of ending the war in Vietnam.

Madame Binh discussed the 3000-year history of Vietnam and the 4.8 million people affected by AO. After Madame Binh spoke, they opened the meeting for questions, and she specified that she wanted the ladies to speak up. It was tough to follow such a strong woman, but I asked her how the American students can spread the word that the Vietnamese want nothing but peace and friendship. I even made national Vietnamese news because of my bravery of speaking up in front of Madame Binh! Unfortunately, they did not understand my question.

We then discussed our research on AO coverage from the war era until now, and it is surprisingly scarce considering how many people are affected by it.



ABOVE: Meredith Winnett in front of the Temple of Literature in Hanoi. The temple was built in 1070 and houses temples dedicated to Confucius, sages, and scholars. BELOW: The view of a fisherman's village off the front of our junk. The fishermen live on these floating shacks for months out of the year. Photos submitted. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

and so loveable that they will forever be in my heart.

For the rest of our days in Hanoi, we visited a war museum, went shopping with Vietnamese students, saw the water puppet theater, and saw the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where "Uncle Ho's" embalming fluid-filled body was actually on display. Visiting the museum was difficult because we were seeing the war from the perspective of the Vietnamese and it completely contradicted what we learned in school.

We took a four-hour drive to Halong Bay, which was beyond worth it. The view was unimaginable and all the pictures I took do it no justice. I have never seen a more beautiful place than this. We stayed overnight on a ship that looked like it came out of *Pirates of the Caribbean*. We explored caves and hiked to the top of a mountain. The view from the top was absolutely incredible.

The boat crew let us jump off the ship, which was one of the most amazing things I have ever done. You haven't seen Halong Bay until you've seen it from water level. Next, it was an hour flight to Hue.

We mainly focused on the Nguyen Dynasty when we visited Hue. We took a dragon boat cruise down the Perfume River, stopping at the oldest

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Buddhist temple in Central Vietnam and the tomb of the Minh Dynasty's second king, who had 400 wives and 150 children. On the way to the bus we saw a woman on the side of the road with her severely disabled child begging us to buy fruit from her. It was so heartbreaking, and I wish I could have done something to help, but our tour guide instructed us to keep walking.

We visited the Citadel that was destroyed during the Tet Offensive. It was such a lovely place and they are slowly rebuilding it.

The next day we met with American Studies students. The students took the WSU students out for our last night in Hue where we discussed our cultural differences and similarities. One of the girls had seen *Forrest Gump* more times than I have, which is quite impressive.

Saigon, or Ho Chi Minh City, was the most modern place we visited. There was a bakery right next to our hotel, so we all went there to satisfy our chocolate cravings.

Later, the WSU students visited the market and practiced our haggling. It was all very exciting.

Our second day in Saigon was the most difficult day of the trip. In the morning we had another meeting with another peace society and met with more students. For lunch, we went to Pho 2000, where President Clinton and Chelsea Clinton ate lunch during their visit. We sat at their table and ordered the same meal as the president: Chicken noodle soup (Vietnamese style) and spring rolls. I had Diet Coke, though, instead of Fresh Mango juice.

There was a sign at the restaurant announcing the "Lunch Menu of President Clinton and First Daughter

Chelsea on November 19, 2000."

Chelsea had Vegetarian Noodle Soup, Ice Coffee with Milk and Mineral Water.

Pho Ga, or chicken noodle soup, was my favorite dish in Vietnam. It was much healthier than American chicken noodle soup and you could add your own chili peppers, lime juice, and basil. I also enjoyed the spring rolls and banana delight, which was cooked banana in tapioca.

However, I am still sick of eating rice since we had it with just about every meal. The funny thing was seeing KFC off of dirt roads in Cambodia and in the center of busy Vietnamese cities. One would never think to see that type of restaurant in Southeast Asia, but they are everywhere!

Afterwards, we visited the Friendship Village Children's Hospital. We saw infants who would never walk and a 16-year-old girl whose head was too large for her body. The girl had many surgeries but was beyond helping. She was to lie in her bed until she passed away. I held back my tears until I got back onto the bus, where I couldn't hold back anymore. It was hard to deal with, but we got through it as a group.

The next day helped us cope when we visited the Cu Chi Tunnels. They were tiny and frightening, but I was one of six in my group to make it all the way through.

The tunnels were used by the Viet Cong to hide during the war. They lived under the ground by way of these tunnels. We didn't go as far as the living quarters (kitchen, sleep areas, etc.), but we did climb into them and crawled in one for nearly 1/2 mile. Then we climbed out through one of the access points, on metal stairs.

We woke up before the sunrise on June 21 to fly into Cambodia. Once we were there and settled in, we took a cruise down a river with a floating village. Our tour guide instructed us



ABOVE: After a monkey climbed on her pants, Meredith cautiously lectures the monkeys on proper table manners. Photo by Prof. Tom Gardner. BELOW: Meredith hiding in a secret entrance to the Cu Chi Tunnels. The tunnels were used by the Viet Cong for hiding, communication, hospitals, food, and living quarters during the war.

that children would try to jump onto our boat to try to sell us stuff, and they did.

It was then that it hit me that we were there enjoying ourselves on a vacation while these people living literally on a river were living just to survive.

The next day we visited Angkor Wat and several other temples in Siem Reap. They were all absolutely stunning. It was strange being in a temple that was over 800 years old.

Off one of the side roads I discovered live monkeys and a woman selling food for them. When I decided to feed them, one of them jumped on me and would not let go of my pants! It was scary at the time, but looking back at it, not many people can say they've been attacked by a monkey.

The end of the trip was both exciting and upsetting. I was excited to be going home, but at the same time, I was having so much fun, I didn't want to leave.

Southeast Asia is a wonderful place to visit with warmly welcoming people. There's no doubt about it, I'll be back someday.

For more information on the Friendship Village and Agent Orange, visit [www.vietnamfriendship.org](http://www.vietnamfriendship.org)

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# Gary Souza from West Africa: Liberian Traditional Justice



By Gary Souza  
Special to the Neighbor News

**LIBERIA:** Many people in Liberia have fervent beliefs and traditions that we in the west would consider medieval and which permeate their lives.

I've previously written about women who were set on fire and sometimes killed when other villagers believed they were witches. If your crops fail, maybe it's because the neighbor who doesn't like you is a witch who put a curse on you!!!! Even an accusation can cause a woman to lose all hope for the future.

In June, 65-year-old Martha Cooper committed suicide by drinking "African medicine" (made from Sassywood bark). She had earlier told her village chief that a pastor had falsely accused her of being a witch.

Even those who are western educated and in high police or government positions are not immune from traditional beliefs. I know several who adamantly believe that there are some women who are "shape shifters" who morph into leopards or other animals of prey at night.

The belief in "country devils" and attachment to "traditional justice" continues to, depending on your outlook, influence or plague areas out in the bush particularly in River Cess County.

Members of the River Cess community "arrested" four people they accused of taking and sacrificially killing a missing boy as members of a shadowy religious group known as "Leopard Society." These four persons are said to be in the custody of the "Country Devil" in the bush, being tortured.

"Country devils," you may remember, are somewhat like "witch

doctors" except many people out in the bush believe you will die if you look them in the eye.

Another case involved two residents of Boegeezay Town, River-Cess County, who were taken into custody in connection with the mysterious death of a four-year-old female. They were taken to court and charged with murder in the 14th Judicial Circuit Court in Cestos City, River Cess County.

While the court had assumed responsibility of the case, the Traditional Council of River-Cess County violently drove the wife and children of one of the suspects out of their home, seized their properties and then removed both suspects from the court by force and took them into the bush for trial by ordeal where they were forced to drink Sassywood. Neither suspect has been

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seen since.

Also in River Cess, there was a case involving a missing 11-year-old-boy. A few suspects were arrested including the missing child's father. The police commander set up a search team but the search was unsuccessful. Upon returning to the village, he found five persons tied up and half naked on the floor of the Assistant District Commissioner's office. The officer tried to caution the Commissioner about the rights of suspects during criminal investigations. Some disgruntled citizens considered his cautionary statement as being in sympathy with the suspects. Later in the night a group of unknown persons attacked

the police depot and took the suspects into the bush for a trial by torture. They too, were never seen again.

In June, a Tiah Town, River-Cess County, man was murdered. Two suspects were arrested by the national police in connection with the murder. The Town Chief of Tiah Town ordered the citizens to take the suspects from the custody of the unarmed police and torture them. Those suspects were also taken into the bush for more torture.

Tribal bonds remain strong in West Africa. We often wonder here why a less qualified officer is appointed or given a promotion. The answer often lies in tribal loyalties. Even in this national capital with a population of over a million, people are still identified by what tribe they came from. Along with the tribe comes loyalty and respect for their tribal chief and tribal customs and beliefs including traditional justice and trial by ordeal.

I want to thank those who expressed concern for me when seven UN Peace Keepers were killed in an ambush over here. I was a couple of hundred kilometers away.

Liberian rebels had crossed the border into the Ivory Coast and ambushed a UN patrol to get their weapons, then slipped back into Liberia. The very thickly jungled area bordering the Ivory Coast is about as difficult to traverse as anywhere in Africa. There are few villages, no landing zones, and nothing on the ground can be seen from above the triple canopied jungle.

A joint UN-Liberian operation has been sent to root out these people but I have my doubts they will be located in such inhospitable terrain. I'll probably be heading out there soon but in a senior advisory capacity so I won't be expected to "hump" through the jungle.

*Gary Souza is the former Fairhaven Police Chief and is serving with the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in Liberia as a Senior Police Advisor. He can be contacted at souzag@un.org.*



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# Cherry trees dedicated to strengthen Japan-US friendship

By Beth David  
Editor

A delegation from Japan that included Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara formally dedicated cherry trees in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 8/14. Dr. Hinohara donated 14 trees to strengthen the friendship between the U.S. and Japan and between Fairhaven and Tosashimisu, the village of Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the United State. Manjiro was rescued from a deserted island by Capt. William Whitfield in 1841.

Kei Konishi, a fifth generation descendant of Manjiro, and her mother Tomoko Nakahama also attended the ceremony and spoke.

Consul General Takeshi Hikihara told those assembled that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the cherry trees donated by Japan to Washington DC. He said cherry trees symbolize a "fresh start" and when they blossom, it "means something," especially important now after the devastating tsunami Japan suffered last year.

"As these trees grow, I hope we'll

see the strengthening of the friendship between Japan and the United States," said Mr. Hikihara.

Dr. Hinohara, who is approaching his 101st birthday, talked about the first gift of trees to DC 100 years ago, and said the new gift of trees should help to strengthen the friendship between the US and Japan.

He said the museum located in the house that Manjiro lived in on Cherry Street has been visited by more than 2000 people, mostly from Japan, but "our mission is not complete," adding that the museum should be open all week, not just on weekends.

"To this end," said Dr. Hinohara, "more vigorous fund-raising is needed and I would like to help as much as I can."

He said cherry trees were donated "one hundred years ago, as a

token of friendship between two great nations," and "we are happy today to plant cherry trees in meaningful places in Fairhaven."

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L-R: Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, 100, opens his arms in his signature gesture along with Consul General Takeshi Hikihara while sitting on a bench dedicated to Dr. Hinohara at Cooke Park in Fairhaven. The two men, along with a delegation of about 30 Japanese travelers, were in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 8/14, for the dedication of 14 cherry trees donated by Dr. Hinohara. The trees symbolize a fresh start and were donated to strengthen the special bond between Fairhaven and Japan. Visit <http://manjiro1.tripod.com/> for the story of Manjiro Nakahama and Capt. William Whitfield. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) for more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

## Stop & Shop gives 150 food boxes to Shepherd's Pantry



In response to a special plea by the Shepherd's Food Pantry, Stop & Shop in Fairhaven donated 150 boxes of food to the pantry. According to S&S Manager Tom Joseph, cashier Cera Langton "pushed it" after seeing a letter in the newspaper about the pantry's dwindling food supply. Mr. Joseph said they usually have the "Food for Friends" (FFF) drive once a year, but are doing it twice this year because of the need. The boxes contain Stop & Shop brand tomato sauce, black beans, maple & brown sugar instant oatmeal, instant white rice, elbow macaroni, soup, canned mandarin orange segments, and tuna. They are all items that food pantries normally give. Mr. Joseph said patrons were asked to donate \$10 for a box to be sent to the pantry. He said Ms. Langton spearheaded the effort by selling 80 boxes. On August 3rd, the store started a "Healthy Ideas Food For Friends" program which is a twist on the FFF program. Patrons of the store are asked to buy "paper fruits and vegetables" for \$1, \$3, or \$5 at checkout. Sixty percent of the proceeds from the Fairhaven store will go to the Shepherd's Pantry; 40% will go to the Greater Boston Food Bank. The store also has a Shepherd's Pantry bin near the checkout counters. For more information on the pantry, visit [www.shepherdsparntry.org](http://www.shepherdsparntry.org) LEFT: Mike Thomas (foreground) loads his truck with food boxes donated by the Stop & Shop in Fairhaven on Monday, 8/12. Louie (left) and Nick hand the boxes to Mike, while store manager Tom Joseph (far right) pushes a second cart full of boxes out of the store. Mike managed to get all 150 boxes into his compact pickup. RIGHT: Nick shoves the last box into the full bed of the truck. The rest had to go inside. Photos by Beth David.

# BPW fills two more heavy equipment positions

By Meredith Winnett

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Workds filled two vacant Heavy Machine Equipment Operator (HMEO) positions with Shawn Francis and Anthony Moniz on August 13. HMEO workers are employed by the highway department and do tasks such as snow plowing and tree work.

Mr. Moniz was the first interviewee. He worked for the city of New Bedford for 15 years in several departments including the water department and the parks department.

"I can plow snow and fix anything," Mr. Moniz told the board.

He holds his Commercial Driver's Licence, hoisting license, and his license for diesel and car inspections.

"I think Mr. Moniz is well-rounded and a good fit," said board member Geoff Haworth.

John Houle of Dartmouth worked for an oil delivery company, a tree service, drove trailers while rebuilding a gun range, and repaired oil trucks. He told the BPW that the cold weather did not bother him and that he was never late for work.

Mr. Houle also has his oil burner license and said he was willing to obtain more licenses as required. His former coworkers and supervisor called him reliable. The board voted Mr. Houle as an alternate.

Mr. Francis has lived in Fairhaven for 24 years and is the nephew of Fire Chief Tim Francis.

Shawn Francis told the board he has dealt with drain and sewer water and has his CDL.

"I am a hard worker and not afraid to try something new," he said.

Mr. Haworth said that Mr. Francis was one of the most experienced candidates and had good recommendations with his work habits.

Mr. Francis said of his former employer, Joe Silva, "If you can work for Joe and not get fired, you can work for anyone."

Gregory Ramos also applied for the position. He holds a class A license and is currently employed. He asked the board a few questions before they interviewed him, including the starting pay, if the 24/7 on-call was mandatory, and how long he would be at entry level.

Mr. Ramos has good tree experience, little road repair experience,

and a fair driving record.

Chairperson Steven Riley pointed out that Mr. Ramos would be taking a 35% pay cut from his current job.

Mr. Ramos said he would not have a problem with it because he works with power lines and misses work due to rain. The board decided not to hire him because they have hired people who say they can deal with the pay cut, but in the end cannot.

Kenneth Olivera of Fairhaven has been in the construction business for 20 years and has his class B license. Mr. Olivera has worked for good companies in the past and has been out sick twice in the past year.

He said he was proud of his work and can operate many construction vehicles, including excavators and dump trucks. Mr. Olivera would be taking a pay cut as well, but said he would not mind because he used to work in Boston and the fuel got

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I can plow snow  
and fix anything  
[newly hired HMEO  
Anthony Moniz]

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costly. The board decided not to hire him for the same reason they did not hire Mr. Ramos.

In another matter, Charlie Sermaidas of 44 Howland Road appeared before the board a second time with Attorney Chip Mulford. Mr. Haworth had to excuse himself since he had worked with Mr. Sermaidas. Vinny Perez of Lil Anthony's Pizza wishes to open in Mr. Sermaidas's building that also houses a Dunkin Donuts. The pizza shop, however, would have to install a six-inch sewer line with a grease trap rather than the current four inch sewer line. Installing the new line would disturb the freshly reconstructed Sycamore Street.

Mr. Mulford proposed that Mr. Perez install the grease trap to the existing line and that he enter a maintenance agreement until 2017 when they can install the six-inch line.

"Legally the lease runs with the land," said Mr. Mulford, so any new owners would have to comply with

the agreement.

The board continued to have the same concern that if they approved the four-inch line, that other businesses would also want the same exception.

"If he could rip up the road I wouldn't even consider this [the four-inch line]," board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, "but he can't rip up the road."

Board member Dan Freitas suggested the following maintenance agreement: quarterly cleaning of the grease trap which must be reported to a board member, a six-inch line installed by 2017, and the business is to be shut down if the requirements are not met.

The vote tied with two members who wanted to deny and two who wanted Mr. Freitas's maintenance agreement. Mr. Riley will contact the state ethics committee about whether or not Mr. Haworth can vote on the topic.

In other business:

- W. Richards Asphalt was on the agenda for violating the town's by-law for not being an approved contractor, but did not appear at the meeting. Mr. Riley advised residents to be aware of whom they are hiring.
- Agostinho Pinto of 17 Beachwood Street sought permission for a newly paved driveway to be 27 feet wide. The board told him that on town property it has to be 26 feet wide; on his own property it can be as wide as he wants.
- Jeff Lucas and John Medeiros of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association asked the board to remove bushes, benches and an old flagpole foundation from Benoit Square, and told the board they would like a gazebo installed someday. They also discussed installing a sign at the Houle Street entrance to Livesey Park. No votes were taken.
- Although scheduled to be there to answer questions on the digester project, Brown and Caldwell did not show up. They were also owed a payment at the meeting, but the board questioned why they had a different VP and head engineers on the bill. The

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