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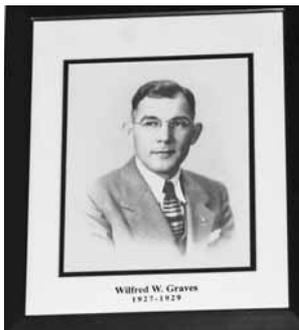


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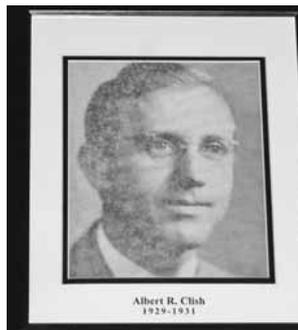
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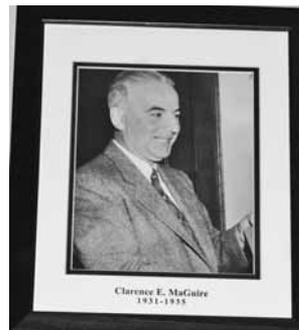
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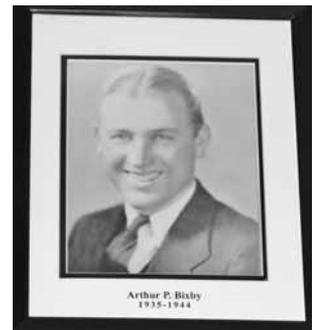
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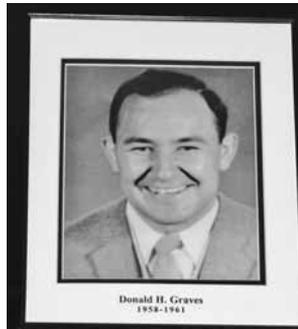
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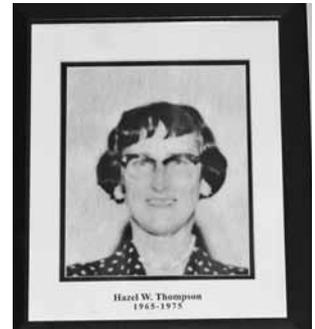
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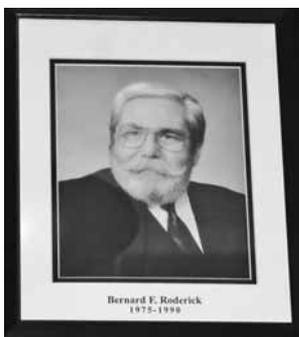
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May K. Bennett  
1961-1965



Hazel W. Thompson  
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Bernard E. Roderick  
1975-1999



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1999-2001



Geraldine Lucas  
2001-Present

The library of the East Fairhaven elementary school is now home to photographs of all 11 principals who served the school since its beginning in 1927. The task turned out to be much more difficult than organizers had anticipated, but they persisted, and got it done. L-R FROM TOP: Photos of the 11 EFS principals in chronological order from 1927 to 2011. See page 16 for story. Photos by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

So what happened to summer? I had to pull my winter jammies out again. Geesh.

The kids are out of school this week, and it's still wood stove temperatures.

It can't last forever, though, right?

Right.

Okay, technology update: who remembers when "the wireless" meant the radio?

I had to chuckle the other day when I referred to my handheld as the "wireless" by some brain-flukey-thing (I'm sure that's a medical term). I was taken back to "The Sound of Music" and the nun saying she was listening to the wireless. When I was a kid, it took a few seconds for me to figure out what on earth a wireless was.

Now, everything's wireless.

Who ever would have thought that we would need to specify that our phones are "land lines," or that our TV shows are cablecast or broadcast or over the air?

We've got some fun stuff in here this week. The Board of Health got into a positively stimulating exchange with a restaurant owner who wants dogs to be able to dine side by side with people at her restaurant (page 22).

I'd like to hear from people on this. The restaurant owner said she got 400 people to sign a petition saying they want to eat with their dogs at a public restaurant. I have not heard a single person support that position.

Before I weigh in with my usual flair, I would love to hear from my readers. This issue will come up again at the next Board of Health meeting.

And the *Neighb News* plans to be there.

We have lots of other meeting coverage in here this week: see page 23 for BPW, page 4 for Finance Committee, page 17 for School Committee.

And from our cover...Fairhaven LOVES its history and the East Fairhaven Improvement Association is doing its part to prove it. See page 16.

Well, until next week then.

Meanwhile, please tell our advertisers you saw their ads here. See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## Help feed the hungry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



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## CORRECTIONS

Nothing? Really? Phew!

# Class of 61 plants holly bushes at Memorial Brick Park

## Press Release

In 2006, the Fairhaven High School graduating class of 1961 began a five year project that would culminate during the anniversary of their graduation back in 1961. They solicited support of all classmates to provide the most beautiful high school in the United States with a beautiful Memorial Garden at the Brick Park, located at the High School. The overwhelming response resulted in a beautiful garden that this year has been enhanced with two holly trees honoring their deceased class members, who unfortunately, will not be participating in the 50th reunion of their graduation.

Each year the class members of the Class of 1961 meet prior to Memorial Day and plant flowers in the garden, and personally contribute funds towards the beautification of this garden. This is where many people congregate following the Memorial Day parade and remember family members, classmates, and good friends who have a special relationship with this magnificent high

school and to walk through the garden celebrating years and friends past.

When a friend or family member passes, this is a wonderful way to perhaps acknowledge a very special time in their lives, the years they spent at Fairhaven High School. Friends and family members may buy memorial bricks on the walkway to have a name etched into.

Donations to help with the maintenance of this very special place are also needed.

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The Memorial Brick Park behind Fairhaven High School is a quiet place to sit among flowers and flowering bushes. The class of 1961 maintains the space. People can buy bricks to have a name etched into. Organizers are looking for donations to maintain the park. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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# FinCom votes end-of-the-year reserve transfers

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

Eight departments hit with high gasoline prices asked for fund transfers totaling \$11,230 at the 6/9 regular meeting of the Fairhaven Finance Committee, which had taken a month hiatus after Town Meeting. Four-dollar-per-gallon gasoline blew budgets for those whose work required driving — water and parks divisions of BPW, and police, fire, and animal control departments. The highway and sewer division managed to stay within budget, as did the tree warden and the building inspector.

In general, if the request provided rationale based on last year's gas consumption, it was granted. Departments that did not provide documentation on why they were requesting additional funds had those requests tabled until the 6/23 meeting.

"I don't have a huge problem with this," said Chairman John Roderiques about the water division's request for \$1,900. "There's some that aren't justified."

"People ask why we spend so much time on little things like a \$300.00 bill," he later said. "It sets the tone. It sets the mindset. It can progress to \$3,000. There needs to be an explanation. If the mileage is up that much, there needs to be a reason."

Edward Fortin, Water Superintendent, was present to explain why the overage was needed for the water division of BPW.

"My estimate is based on last year's usage for June of \$1,800. I wanted some contingency," said Mr. Fortin of the request. He said he used 517 gallons in June 2010 and 422 in May 2011. Any unspent funds are returned to the water enterprise fund.

Mr. Fortin also presented a fund transfer request for \$10,000 to meet a bid on a water distribution system rehabilitation project. The project, which was approved at Town Meeting, will cement water lines on Huttleston Avenue (Rte. 6) from Main Street to Adam Street.

The bid came in at \$294,015.15 for the project. Funds on hand after design and engineering are \$286,898.60 or \$7,110 short. In order to award the contract, all funds must

be available. Mr. Fortin said the extra \$2,900 will be needed for police details on that and the Bridge/Alden Street intersection repairs.

The FinCom voted 9-0 to approve both transfers from the water enterprise fund.

The \$17,500 NSTAR rebate for replacing the boiler at the sewer treatment plant last winter was returned to the general levy fund. But in the process of rescinding the vote in order to return the funds, Mr. Roderiques and Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch had different numbers for the balance of the reserve account.

Mr. Roderiques had a final tally of \$75,318 as of May 31, 2011, whereas Mr. Osuch had gotten a figure of \$53,000 from the accountant as of the meeting. Mr. Osuch said that he would look into what expenditures

and Homecoming in June.

FinCom Member Jennifer Bishop also noted that the EMA used their generator to power lights during water and sewer breaks. However, Mr. Roderiques said that those departments could and should help the EMA by returning the favor.

The Police Department, Council on Aging, and Building Inspector requests were tabled to 6/23 pending documentation.

Veterans' Services submitted requests totaling \$25,000 due to new clients. Agent James A. Cochran requested \$10,000 in benefits and \$15,000 in purchase of medical services for June. Veterans are entitled to receive pay under certain circumstances, according to Mr. Roderiques.

Mr. Osuch said that the department totaled \$700,000 in benefits this year. FinCom approved the transfer 8-1-3, with one abstention and three absent members. Kim Hyland and Kathleen Carter were absent. Member Ronald Quinton abstained from voting.

Two departments requested transfers to cover miscalculations in salary. The ACO had forgotten to include sick leave buyback in the annual budget and so was \$354 short.

The BPW miscalculated the pay-out to past Superintendent William Fitzgerald and so was \$656.64 short on their administrative salary line item. The ACO transfer was approved unanimously. However, the BPW's shortfall raised concerns with members Theresa Szala and Sidney Martin.

"Shouldn't they have to redo the paperwork?" said Ms. Szala. "If you file this paperwork, could it legally give the funds to Mr. Fitzgerald?"

John Nunes, Finance Director, said it could not. Mr. Osuch explained that the line item also paid the administrative assistant's salary. The shortfall would create problems in paying her in June.

But Ms. Szala moved to table it, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion for discussion. He asked if the paperwork could be modified by FinCom to specifically require the

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...the library was warned that it would be responsible for its decision to stay with copper [drainpipes].  
"If copper has the habit of disappearing, so does money from FinCom," warned Mr. Roderiques.

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may have occurred to cause the discrepancy.

Other gasoline shortfalls in May that were approved included the Animal Control Officer (\$22.41) and Parks division (\$137.45). Those departments were approved for transfers from the general levy reserve fund of \$120 and \$1,200 respectively.

The Fire Department requested \$2,500 to cover June stating that it is a busy time of year. At Mr. Osuch's recommendation, FinCom unanimously approved \$1,900 for the rest of the fiscal year.

Likewise the Emergency Management Agency had requested \$300 but only received \$50. Mr. Osuch noted that the total annual budget for EMA was \$585. On average, that would be \$87 per month. FinCom member Ted Silva noted that the rationale was that EMA provided lights for the road race

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Entries must be received by 4 p.m. on Saturday, 6/18. Absolutely NO post entries. To register online or for more information visit [www.JBRace.com](http://www.JBRace.com). D-Tag timing system by Yankee Timing System.

## WI Breakfast Buffet

*First of the Season!*

**Sun., 6/19, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11:00 a.m.**

By the West Island Improvement Association. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. Tickets are available at the door. Accessible.

## Farmers Market

**On Sunday, June 19th from 1-4pm the Fairhaven Farmers Market will open for the 4th season.** The market will run weekly through the fall on the corner of Main Street and Route 6 on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

We are very lucky to have Pumpkin Head Ted return again this year to kick off our wonderful market with free entertainment.

The entire community is invited to stop by to support the market and purchase local produce from our vendors. We are delighted to have many of the same returning farmers this season, along with some new faces for the market.

## At the Millicent

At the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the Library Auditorium, Walnut Street entrance. Accessible. To register, call the library at 508-992-5342, or email Jane

Murphy ([jmurphy@sailsinc.org](mailto:jmurphy@sailsinc.org)).

## Summer Reading Events: "One World, Many Stories"

Summer Reading begins **Monday June 20th**. We'll have a day-long celebration; you may sign up any time that day between 9 and 5, or anytime after that right through July. Join the Read-to Program, the Kids Read program or the Teens Read program. The goal is to read 20 hours each; our group goal is 3500 hours. See you at the library for books, raffles, prizes & FUN.

The Teen program is open to kids entering Grade 6 and up, and the Teen theme is "You are Here!" We'll have special prizes, raffles and events for Teens.

### Storytimes

Summer Storytimes begin the week of June 20th and will run in 6 week-sessions. You do not need to register. Just drop in!

## Bird & Plant Walk

**On Friday, June 17th**, the Friends of the Millicent Library will sponsor a Community Bird and Plant Walk starting **behind Rogers School, on the bike path at 10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to explore the plants and birds found on and near Fairhaven's Bike Path. Experts in plant and bird identification will guide us on an hour walk up the path, past changing terrain, as we explore with dedicated birder, Carolyn Longworth, and gardener Pat Cooney, the varieties of bird and plant life. Binoculars and cameras are recommended but optional.

All ages are welcome. Accessible. Free.

## FHS Hall of Fame

The Fairhaven High School 2011 **Hall of Fame banquet will be held Sunday, June 26**, at the Century House in Acushnet. Accessible. Tickets can be obtained at FH or by call Athletic Director Scott Francis, 508-979-4051, ext. 3005.

This year's inductees are Paul Cieurzo, 1927, outstanding football and track star; Manny Cabral, 1955, 12-time letterman in football, basketball, track and baseball; Bob Gauvin, 1981, outstanding 4-year hockey player and football tight end; Kim Malanson, 1991, ST allstar in

track and volleyball.

Sam Galvan will be inducted as coach. Mr. Soccer at FHS, Sam started the program for boys and girls, had great success for 20 years.

Memorable Season: 1961 basketball team, coached by Mel Entin and Dick Norman, became Bristol County Champs. Norm Tate, John Kidd, Mike Fitzgerald, Skip Hall and Bobby Lebeau.

## Used Book Sale

**On Fri. & Sat., 6/17 & 18**, there will be a Used Book Sale at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Preview sale is Friday night from 6-8pm and admission is \$5. Dealers are welcome.

On Saturday June 18th from 9-1 pm admission is free with great deals after noon. All books will be very reasonably priced with proceeds going directly to the church.

**Donations of books will be accepted up to the sale day.**

For more information please contact the church office at 508-992-7081 or Judith Downing at 774-202-4474.

## Cruizin' nights

Sponsored by North Fairhaven Improvement Association and Co-sponsors: Prowlers Car Club & the Down Shifters Car Club

**Monday, July, 4th, at 8:30 A.M.** FHS 9:00 A.M. raise the Flag at the High School, depart for a cruise through the Town of Fairhaven to **Fort Phoenix** for ceremonies.

For more Information Call John Medeiros, 508-951-2128; [www.northfairhaven.org](http://www.northfairhaven.org)

## Alexis Morel F-R

Celebration of Life fund-raiser for Alexis Morel who lost a leg to cancer. The 14-year-old is an inspiration to those around her as she fights for her life and to do the things she wants to do. She has finished a year of chemotherapy.

**Benefits Childhood Cancer Awareness and Lexy's Journey Road to Recovery.**

**Comedy Show, Sunday, June 24, 1 p.m. at the Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven.** Featuring: "OutOfThe Gutter Portuguese Comedy" and entertainment by The Ultimate Party

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## STILL IN TOWN

Band Zoom; Moonwalk for kids; 50/50 raffle; food, photo booth, face painting. Suggested donation: \$10.

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### Homecoming alumni events

The 2011 Fairhaven Homecoming weekend (6/24-26) has an exciting lineup of events for Fairhaven High School alumni. Besides several class reunions being held over the course of the weekend (Classes of 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1976), there are a few other unique activities, such as the unveiling of a stained glass window

by the Class of 1966 on Sunday morning at 10:30 AM after the All-Class Breakfast Buffet in the cafeteria (catered by Matt Gamache's '78 Courtyard Restaurant) and the dedication of the basketball court in the name of Coach Wayne Wilson at 11:00 AM in the Bart Leach Gymnasium at FHS. Also, FHS Alumni President Bob Foster '66 will be conducting tours of FHS.

Some key activities and events being held during the 2011 Homecoming Weekend

**Friday, June 24:** "Evening of Taste" 5:00 - 6:30 PM at FHS (approximately 20 local restaurants and businesses set up tasting stations throughout the school). **Sat., June 25:** Homecoming Fair in the Fairhaven Center from

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Guided Tours of FHS from 10:00 to 2:00 PM, beginning in the Rotunda between the 1906 building and the 1996 addition; Various reunions and class activities held in the evening

**Sun., June 26:** All-Class Breakfast Buffet hosted by the Class of 1961 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM \$10 per person. To reserve tickets contact Linda Tunstall: [LinCuff29@aol.com](mailto:LinCuff29@aol.com) (no tickets at door); 10:30 AM - Unveiling of a new stained glass window in the Rotunda (donated by the Class of 1966); 11:00 AM - Dedication of the "Wayne Wilson Court" in the Bart Leach Gymnasium; 5:00 PM - FHS Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction of new members at the Century House on South Main St. in Acushnet.

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### DockUmentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, June 17th with All Hands on Deck: Cooperation between Industry and Science for Sustainable Fisheries, illustrated talks by fisheries scientists. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront will be screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. Accessible.

The Department of Fisheries Oceanography (DFO) at The School for Marine Science and Technology (SMST) has been working cooperatively with the New England fishing industry for more than a decade. Combining the knowledge and fishing expertise of fishermen with science enhances the ability to collect high quality data for use in sustainable fisheries management.

The June 17th program will highlight current cooperative research projects and celebrate the effort of industry and science to collect the best data possible to help ensure the future of northeast fisheries. In addition to speakers from the DFO, several local fishermen will

be on hand to discuss their role in these projects.

### Polish Fest

At Our Lady of Perpetual Help fairgrounds, 235 North Street (corner Coggeshall), New Bedford, **on Sat., 6/18:** Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.; **Sun., 6/19:** 11 a.m. Polka Mass, Fest noon to 5 p.m., Eddie Forman Orchestra.

Featuring OLPH's famous Polish Kitchen: Pierogi, Golumbki. Also featuring booths, games, fun for the entire family. Take your own chairs. Free parking.

### Fish For A Cause

"Fishing for a Cause" charity recreational fishing tournament set for **Father's Day Weekend, June 17-18, out of Pope's Island Marina.** Includes a Seaside Dinner with live music at Pope's Island on Friday, June 17 from 6-10 p.m. and a day of family fun 1-4 p.m. (free to the public) on Saturday afternoon, June 18 with a BBQ awards dinner (ticketed event) to follow at 5.

Contact Fishing for a Cause at [ffac@schwartzcenter.org](mailto:ffac@schwartzcenter.org). For more information: [www.schwartzcenter.org](http://www.schwartzcenter.org)

### Cat Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats is holding a Cat/Kitten Adoption Day on **Saturday June 25th**, from 12:00 to 3:00 at **1322 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.** This

space is generously donated to us for our use by Michael Panagakos and is wheelchair accessible.

All cats & kittens are spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on shots, and have tested negative for feline leukemia. Adoption fee is \$100 for adult cats, and \$120 for kittens five months & younger.

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### Cat Adoption Day

June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. Be a part of the solution in the lives of homeless cats. Attend C.A.R.E. Southcoasts Cat Adoption Day **Saturday, June 25, noon to 3p.m.**

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### Photo Exhibit

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents an exhibition in partnership with the University of Mass. Labor Education Center titled "Work in Progress: Workers See Themselves Through a New Lens" in Penler Space at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Corner of

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## STILL OVERTOWN

Spring Street and Purchase Street, New Bedford. Accessible.

**This exhibit is shown for one-week only, Monday, June 20 through Sunday, June 26. Opening reception: Monday, June 20, 7:00-9:00 pm.** For more information, call the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 508-997-5664.

Work unites us as a people. It is a part of life we all share. The exhibit celebrates our commonality in a photo-documentary series created by working people. Under the guidance of renowned photo journalist Peter Pereira, steel workers, carpenters, health care workers, a secretary, a union organizer, and educators took cameras in hand to document

everyday work experiences. Through their lenses they captured the beauty and power of labor and work, and in the process, claimed their own creativity.

**Exhibit hours: Monday through Friday 5-8 pm, Sat. and Sun. 11 am - 5 pm. FREE and open to the public.** For more information, call the Zeiterion at 508-997-5664.

### How to Count Fish

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, will host the New England Science Writers and other journalists as they delve into **"The Science of Counting Fish" on Saturday, June 18**

**at 2:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater. Accessible.**

The discussion will focus on new technologies that are under development that will help to more accurately "count" fish. These new methods for assessing fish populations promise to put an end to disputes over whether or not fisheries are being overfished, not just in this part of the world but most everywhere. Assessing fish populations has always been an inexact science. But that is changing.

Admission to the talk: \$10/per person at the door, which includes admission to all Museum galleries. To attend, please email Ann Parson: parson-a@verizon.net by June 16th.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Weight Loss Author

Mary M. Flynn, PhD, RD, LDN, and author of "A Pink Ribbon Diet" will be speaking at the **Mattapoissett Free Public Library on Tues., June 21 at 7 pm.** Dr. Flynn is a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Brown University. She teaches nutrition at Brown and has been a research dietician since 1984 at The Miriam Hospital in Providence.

Dr. Flynn has developed a plant-based, olive oil diet that she has tested for weight loss with women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. It is also being tested in men with recurrent prostate cancer for weight loss and improvement in components of the metabolic syndrome.

She is a frequent speaker on topics such as The Mediterranean Diet and the role of diet to chronic diseases, specifically breast and prostate cancer. Dr. Flynn is also co-author of "Low-Fat Lies: High Fat Frauds and the Healthiest Diet in the World."

The public is invited to this free lecture. Copies of "A Pink Ribbon Diet" will be available for purchase and signing.

### women4women

women4women, a non-profit women's networking group, will hold its third networking event of the year on Tuesday, June 21, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at Contrary Boutique, located at 92 North Street, Mattapoissett

All women interested in leveraging

the power and presence of women to promote each other's professional, business and community service endeavors are invited to join like-minded women for a casual evening of connecting.

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP online at: [www.socializr.com/event/529844803](http://www.socializr.com/event/529844803). For more information on women4women and to register for future events, visit [www.w4wnetwork.com](http://www.w4wnetwork.com).

### At Baker Books

The following event is at Baker Books, an independent bookstore located at 69 State Rd. in North Dartmouth. Accessible. For more information, visit [www.bakerbooks.net](http://www.bakerbooks.net) or call 508-997-6700.

#### On Thursday, June 23

at 7:00 PM, author Sandra Macfarlane will visit Baker Books to read from and sign copies of, *Rowing Forward, Looking Back*. Macfarlane became both the first municipal shellfish biologist in Mass., working in Orleans, and the town's first conservation administrator, having earned a master's degree in resource management and administration from Antioch University of New England.

Her recommendations helped protect shellfish habitat and estuary health through resource management plans and land use regulations.

Her first book, *Rowing Forward, Looking Back*, captures dramatic events, natural and man-made-storms, erosion, barrier beach

dynamics, nutrient loading, wastewater management — that shaped the place and its people at a time when social change collided with powerful natural forces, and a centuries-old way of life was transformed forever.

*Tiggie: the Lure and Lore of Commercial Fishing in New England*, her second book, was named the Best Regional Non-fiction in 2009 receiving the Independent Publishing Awards Bronze Medal. In *Tiggie*, Sandy gives Tiggie, a salty commercial fisherman, his voice as he shares his harrowing stories of fishing New England's waters, of the world's deadliest occupations. Sandy and Tiggie could best be described as having a mostly adversarial relationship. Tiggie fished for shellfish, and Sandy was an enforcement agent. While they might have been "oil and water everywhere else, they made a terrific team" bringing this book forward.

### Healthy Liv. Expo

Unlock some of the keys to healthy living for seniors at a "Key to Independent Living Expo" that offers information along with entertainment and fun for seniors and their families.

Sponsored by the regional, Healthy Aging Consortium, the Expo will be on **Wednesday, June 22, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Whites of Westport**. The Consortium, sponsored by South-coast Hospitals Group, is comprised of organizations, businesses and

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# Recipe of the Week

## Carob-Hone-Nut Brownies

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- 1/3 cup oil
- 3/4 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. ground coriander OR cinnamon
- 1/3 cup carob powder
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped walnuts or other nuts

Whipped cream, optional

In medium bowl, beat together oil, honey, eggs and vanilla.

In separate bowl, mix coriander OR cinnamon, carob powder, whole wheat flour, baking powder and salt. Add to first mixture.

Stir until well blended. Fold in nuts.

Turn into greased and lightly floured 8-inch square pan.

Bake at 350°F for 35 min. or until tester inserted near center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on wire rack. Then cut into 16 squares. If desired, garnish with a dollop of whipped cream when serving.

# A Little Bit of Sports

*By Bob Hobbs*

**Special to the Neighb News**

**South Sectional div. 2**

## Tourn.: FHS 3, Middleboro 2

Auper pitching by Courtney Girouard and splendid team defense gave the Lady Blues their second victory in state playoffs. Big stick for the Blues was senior Brittany Teixeira who had two-out single to drive in two runs.

The play of the game was right fielder Brittany Romero's super catch with Middleboro runners in scoring position.

Kayli Moniz, Kelsey Perron-Sovik and Ashley Brown made super plays on defense.

Girls advanced to Taunton semi finals on Thursday vs. Hopkinton.

## Hopkinton 5, FHS 0

On Thursday after 5 innings, lightning and rain forced continuatino of game to Friday. Hopkinton pitcher Michelle Coopriider shut out the Blues for a 5-0 victory. Perron-Sovik and Romero had big hits for FHS.

Coaches Cathy Silva and Glenn Gardner are commended for leading this super team, which showed great desire, never-give-up attitude and sportsmanship all year.

This will be a memorable season for the history books, with 18-5 record, defeating D-R and Case for first time and winning South Coast Championship for first time.

Congratulations to FHS Softball.

## FHS Girls Tennis

The FHS Girls Tennis team's season came to an end with loss to Ursuline. Coach Tara Costa's Lady Blues had an outstanding year with super 16-6 record.

## NB Voc-Tech Softball

Voc-tech girls got two big wins in South Sectional Div. 3.

Lost to Case in semis. Jess Collins was outstanding in pitching.

## Adam Mullen in No-Hitter

Mullen pitching for New Bedford Legion Post 1, pitched a no-hitter vs. Berkley last week. He also got a 1 inning save in 4-3 win over Acushnet Legion. Adam, a two-sport statr at Fairhaven High School, will go on to Bridgewater Univ.

## Father's Day Road Race

The 37th Annual 5K and 10K races will take place this Sunday. See page 6 for details.

## Prose on Pros

The Red Sox, led by Lester and Ortiz, beat the Yankees three straight. The Yanks looked very weak with the bats. Old age and big pitching problems cost the Bombers first place. Sox in first and rolling.

How about the Dallas Mavericks beating the Heat in 6? I thought it would be the Heat in 6. Great for NBA, glad for Kidd, Terry and Nowitzki.

Too Bad Wade, team can still beat All Stars.

Hope Bruins can come back?

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# Fort Phoenix cleaned for World Oceans Day

*Press Release*

A sunny sky, a light breeze and ocean views provided a perfect day for the 50+ volunteers who participated in the Fort Phoenix Beach Cleaning Day held Wednesday, June 8,

organized in conjunction with World Oceans Day honoring oceans around the world for their beauty and value.

Volunteers picked up litter at Ft. Phoenix Beach so residents and visitors can enjoy a clean beach this summer and to present an area suitable for the July 2 Annual Swim sponsored by the Buzzards

Bay Coalition.

Beach cleaning volunteers received a free T-shirt as a thank-you for helping while Dunkin Donuts of Fairhaven provided refreshments. Sponsors included TowBoatU.S. New Bedford, West Marine Fairhaven, Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Fairhaven Business Association.

For more information about World Oceans Day, visit <http://worldoceansday.org/>



LEFT, L-R: volunteers Joanne Bobola of Huttleston House in Fairhaven and local resident Beth Loescher clean up at Ft. Phoenix on World Oceans Day, 6/8/11. RIGHT: the pile of trash more than 50 volunteers collected. Visit [worldoceansday.org](http://worldoceansday.org). Submitted photos. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## Fairhaven Dunkin Donuts among those fine

**Violations occurred at locations in Dartmouth, Fall River, Westport and Fairhaven**

*Attorney General Press Release*

Two Dunkin Donuts franchise owners have been cited and fined for violating Massachusetts child labor laws, Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office announced today.

Timothy E. Cloe, age 44, of Dartmouth, and his business partner Sebastian Agapite, age 46, of Canton, and their five franchise locations, have been fined nearly \$6,000 for multiple violations of the state's Child Labor Laws.

"Many teens are trying to balance jobs with their education. Our child labor laws are designed to protect minors from injury and ensure that working time does not unduly interfere with learning. We will continue to enforce these laws to make sure that teens' workplace rights are protected," AG Coakley said.

Responding to complaints, investigators in the AG's Fair Labor Division conducted an audit of the company's records and discovered that on numerous occasions during 2008, the franchises employed minors without

work permits. Minors were also working before the earliest permissible hour and after the latest permissible hour and more than the maximum number of daily work hours allowed under the Child Labor Laws.

The Massachusetts Child Labor Laws include restrictions on both the occupations in which minors may be employed, as well as the hours during which they may work.

Another important safeguard in the law makes it illegal for minors to work past 8:00 p.m. without adult supervision.

Further information can be found at Attorney General Coakley's youth employment website, [www.mass.gov/ago/youthemployment](http://www.mass.gov/ago/youthemployment).

The Attorney General's Fair Labor Division works to protect employees from exploitation by an employer; prosecute employers who are failing to follow the Commonwealth's wage and hour laws; and create a level playing field for employers in the Commonwealth. The Division is responsible for enforcing the

prevailing wage, minimum wage, payment of wages, overtime, tip pooling, child labor, and Sunday and holiday premium pay laws.

Those wishing to report violations of the Commonwealth's labor laws can call the AG's Fair Labor Hotline at 617-727-3465.

The case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Anita V. Maietta and Inspector Celina Dias Pendexter, both of the AG Coakley's Southeastern Massachusetts Fair Labor Division.

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Session 1: June 20—June 24 (Canobie Lake Park) (\$140); Session 2: June 27—July 1 (Water Wizz) (\$140); Session 3: July 5—July 8 (Skate America) Session 4: July 11 - July 15 (Cart Wheels); Session 5: July 18—July 22 (Paw Sox game); Session:6: July 25—July 29 (5 witts); Session 7: August 1—August 5 (Lazergate); Session 8: August 8—August 12 (Patriots Hall); Session 9: August 15—August 19 (Davis Mega Maze); Session 10: August 22—August 26 (Demarest Beach)

## Counselor in Training Program

In this new program teens ages 13-16 learn to become summer counselors. Included in this program is CPR, early education tips and job interview skills and much more. CIT's will plan and run a theme day for the summer Kool Kids program, run games, assist senior counselors with projects etc. Field trips and a pizza lunch every Friday are included. Program runs for 2-week sessions. Cost per session \$200.00

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#### **June**

6/29: Plymouth Shopping

### **MALL TRIPS**

#### **July**

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# Principals of EFS remembered by alums

By Beth David  
Editor

In the Library of the East Fairhaven School on 6/9/11, the East Fairhaven Improvement Association unveiled the portraits of the 11 principals of EFS, from 1927 to the present.

Project chairperson Fran Lopes told the crowd of about 30 that the team effort included many people who were not on the committee.

"This was a much bigger task than we anticipated when we began," said Ms. Lopes. "But, as you can see, it was worth the effort."

Photos came from family members, archives of the Millicent Library and the Standard-Times.

"It is with great pleasure and pride that we are here today honoring our principals," said Ms. Lopes. "As you can see it brings back fond memories for most of us who attended East Fairhaven School....It is nice to see some of the principals and family members of former principals here today."

The project started several years ago when John Medeiros approached the EFIA about the project.

The committee had an extremely difficult time hunting down decent photos of some principals.

In particular, Albert Clish (1929-1931) and Hazel Thompson (1965-1975) have blurry pictures. Ms. Thompson's was taken from the class

picture and enlarged.

Ms. Lopes said Converse Photo of New Bedford worked with the old photos to get the best results, but she is hoping that a relative or alum will find a better picture to use.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin also addressed the crowd, telling people that the school has a great history and tradition.

He said people speak "with passion of East Fairhaven School, and look what it's become."

EFS is a new "model school" building that opened in the fall of 2007. The district is moving forward to build another school that will consolidate the Rogers and Wood schools on one site amid continuing controversy in town.

"Change is hard," said Dr. Baldwin. "But change can't take away what we had."

Current EFS principal Geraldine Lucas said the town has a lot of pride in its history.

"You kept it alive," she said. "That's what's really unique. What a legacy it leaves for future generations."

The 11 photographs are hanging in the Library, which, educators hope, will prompt discussion among students.



said students have already commented and asked who those people are.

"History gets conveyed to them in natural ways," said Ms. Lucas, adding that many staff members remember some of the principals.

As if to prove the point, former EFS principal Bernard Roderick was at the event. Mr. Roderick, sporting his signature beard and long mustache, was also Superintendent of Fairhaven Schools, and is currently on the school committee. The library/media center at Fairhaven High School is named after him.

Lucinda (Rogers) Snow, 86 and the oldest EFS alum at the event, said she remembered crossing Route 6 from her Gellette Street home to walk to school, complete with sleet in their faces.

"We didn't have to worry about traffic then," she said, figuring it was around 1936, when she was around 11. A graduate of the class of 1942, Mrs. Snow said she remembers the hurricane of 1938 when boats got tossed up onto the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

A sewing machine operator who worked in the mills in New Bedford, Mrs. Snow said she still makes her own clothes.

"I don't find the clothes I like," she said.

"[The new building] is quite an improvement on the old one," said Ms. Snow. "But the old one had more memories."

Her mother was a playground monitor at the old school.

"Her grandmother used to deliver my grandmother's babies," said Natalie Hemingway.

Was she a midwife?

"No, her grandmother had 14 [babies]," said Mrs. Hemingway.



ABOVE: The committee that found pictures of all 11 East Fairhaven School principals and got them reproduced and framed for display in the EFS library. L-R: Gloria McGreevey, Fran Lopes, Edith Silva, Maureen Grace. TOP, L-R: Lucinda (Rogers) Snow and Natalie Hemingway pose for the local free rag. Mrs. Snow was the oldest EFS graduate present on 6/9/11 for the unveiling of the photos. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

According to organizers, the research turned up some interesting surprises. It turns out that Donald Graves wrote books, a tidbit they found out from his obituary.

The next project will be to create a scrapbook that contains some of that information on the principals.

"I think it's wonderful said. Ms. Lucas, adding that it was especially appropriate for the portraits to be in the library. She

# MSBA approves one-school; SC reviews public comment policy

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

At the June 8 Fairhaven School Committee meeting, Superintendent Robert Baldwin announced that the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) had approved by "unanimous consent" Fairhaven's preferred option of a new model school at the Wood School site.

He said the MSBA met in Westfield to view damage by the tornado, after which they held their business meeting. Although the MSBA lacked a quorum to vote, two members were teleconferenced in and so they conducted business through a consent agenda. That agenda included 47 items, of which Fairhaven's proposed new school was number 34. Only one question was asked about the project — whether it would be a "model" school. A formal vote will take place at their next meeting in Boston.

The announcement came after resident Christian Andersen asked the School Committee if they had a plan for the disposition of Rogers School and displacement of Wood School students during the proposed construction of the model school.

Mr. Andersen had submitted his questions prior to the meeting via email. He also asked why Fire Chief Timothy Francis and Building Inspector Wayne Fostin stated they would close Rogers School if the new school project did not go forward.

Regarding disposition of Rogers School and displacement of students, Chairperson Pamela Kuechler said the School Building Committee would address disposition of Rogers School after a full town vote for the new school to be built.

Dr. Baldwin said disposition of students would also take place after the town vote. That planning and construction process, he said, would take about a year. He offered several options that could be considered, including use of Oxford School, disbursement of students throughout the middle school system, and possibly retaining the students at Wood School during construction. He

said the latter was not recommended, however.

As to the Fire Chief's and Building Inspector's statements, the Committee placed it on the agenda for the next meeting, after brief and heated questioning by several residents.

Several Committee members recalled the statement as being either attributed to one or the other official, and requested residents contact those officials for documentation.

Vice-chairperson Louis Kruger said it had come from the fire chief at precinct meeting. Ms. Kuechler said she thought it was based on prior inspections, but said all issues found by the fire chief had been remediated. Member Brian Monroe thought Chief Francis said he was going to look into closing the school if the project didn't

what is wrong with the building."

Ms. Whalley added that she would hold the School Committee liable if anything happened.

Ms. Bishop also followed up with a demand that the School Committee get documentation on the maintenance of Rogers School.

Ms. Kuechler noted that Business Manager Paul Kitchen was not at the meeting, but the Committee would put it on the agenda for him to address at the next meeting.

In another matter, Denise Valois, Fairhaven School Nurse, presented her annual report to the Committee. She said there had been 26,000 visits to the nurses, indicating that a nurse per school is still needed.

She provided the Committee with a BMI (body mass index) comparison

between Fairhaven students and the state. She said Fairhaven is trending towards obesity and overweight students. The nurses have a program, "Soul Sisters," which addresses that in the middle and high schools.

Committee member Stasia Powers asked if anything was available for overweight boys. Ms. Valois responded there was no specific program, but good nutrition and exercise education were always promoted.

Under New Business, the Committee took up the draft policy changes for public comment. The changes would allow a second comment period at the end of the business meeting to address non-agenda topics and questions. After a couple of minor changes, the Committee voted to receive the policy. Revisions will be made and the policy returned next meeting for further discussion and possible adoption.

However, the Committee took the opportunity to discuss at length how to handle the new type of comment allowed, comparing it to the questioning that took place earlier in the meeting on Rogers School.

Ms. Kuechler thanked Mr. Monroe for his research on the matter. As requested by parent Diane Hahn during the public comment period, Ms. Kuechler read the changes aloud

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I don't think this meeting went well.

We were unprepared...No, I don't like the way it ran tonight. At least have them understand, we may not have the answer. We're supposed to be conducting business. The meeting goes much smoother when you know what's going to be on it. [Louis Kruger]

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go forward.

However, resident and Finance Committee member Jennifer Bishop interrupted Mr. Andersen's comments and added that she had spoken to Chief Francis. She said he had based his conclusion on the 2006 feasibility study.

The discussion continued when Monika Whalley was allowed a follow-up question on the issue. She said she had been asking about maintenance of Rogers School for some time without getting a satisfactory response.

"I have a daughter at Rogers School. An official says he's going to close it. Why didn't you ask for his documents? Why don't you, as someone responsible for the building, ask for documents?" she asked. "Please demand [of] the Fire Chief

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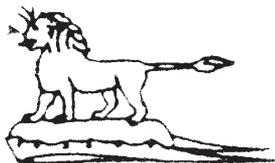
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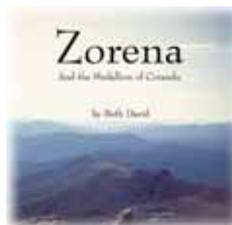
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A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: [westislandweather.com](http://westislandweather.com)

## West Island's First Hurricanes

With the hurricanes of 1938 and 1944 still fresh in local minds, new West Island residents who began to build summer cottages on the mostly uninhabited island in the late 40's had nobody to tell them what previous hurricanes were like out here. In fact, most of those who bought cottages through developers of Fairhaven Estates in 1952, were from out-of-town inland areas. So many were oblivious as to what hurricanes could do to coastal property in the first place. On Tuesday, August 31, 1954, they found out.

The island never had this number of structures before that had endured prior hurricanes. In the first 2 years much of the planned 150 summer cottages were already cluttered side by side along the much sought after waterfront lots of Alder and Balsam Streets. (on the west facing side of the island). Most of this area is about 3 feet above sea level. Some 200 families now occupied the 535-acre island.

Carol, the first named hurricane to impact the northeast arrived Tuesday, August 31, 1954. The Category 2 hurricane brought in tidal surges over 10 feet accompanied by 110 mph winds. Just 10 days later Hurricane Edna struck on September 11th. Edna caused some more chaos to an already dazed SouthCoast. However, the worst damage was more localized to Cape Cod.

Some island residents decided to sell their property after the hurricanes and there were few takers. The asking price ranged from \$300 to \$500.00 for a vacant lot where their little summer paradise once stood. Some cottages that were dragged off

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Today, for sale signs along this waterfront pop up occasionally. Real estate advertisements hype the lure of the sea and beauty of the ocean, but most shy away from putting in the fine print about the serious vulnerability and dangers that could await prospective buyers.

With all this in mind people will still buy these expensive properties and take a chance. After all, they can afford to. The common practice is to bulldoze the little quaint cottage and put a huge "McMansion" on stilts in its place, ruining the aesthetics of the island.

Typically, these kind of owners are from out-of-town or out-of-state and have no roots or vested interest in the community. They take advantage of the island for what it's worth during the summer and spend the winter elsewhere.

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**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in

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### Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/23, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 6/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Building Committee

Thurs., 6/16, FHS Library, 6:00

### School Committee

Wed., 6/15, FHS Library, 6:30

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\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still.

John Stuart Mill

# BOH and restaurant owner spar over doggie deck

By Beth David  
Editor

At their meeting on Tuesday, 6/14, Fairhaven Board of Health members and Health Agent Patricia Fowle engaged in a spirited exchange with Lori Shubert, owner of the Narragansett Star Cafe over allowing dogs on the deck of her restaurant.

Ms. Shubert insists that she told town officials every step of the way that she was rebuilding the deck to allow dogs to be with their owners as they ate their food. Health officials insist that they would never have agreed to that or made her believe they would agree to that. They insist it is clearly against the law and the health code and something that will not be allowed in Fairhaven.

Ms. Shubert appeared before the board armed with pages of signatures. She said more than 400 people had signed in support of having dogs on the deck, and that "people were really upset" that there was no dog friendly place in town.

"It was my intention, since before I opened, to make my place dog friendly," said Ms. Shubert. "I wanted to be the place where people could come with their dogs."

She said she even wanted to bake dog treats. Her dog, Brody, is well known to customers as he runs freely on the property. She said he has a "fan club" and customers ask for him. Ms. Shubert said she asked at the start if the dog could be on property.

Board members said there was no problem with her dog on the property, as long as he was not in food areas.

Ms. Shubert kept interrupting to say "food preparation" areas.

"It's an interpretation," she said, insisting that it was not a law, but a guideline.

The Federal Food Code, however, Section 6-501.115 (B5), clearly states that "dining" is a prohibited area, unless a pet is caged and separated. Only service animals are allowed.

"The Federal Food Code is not a guideline," said BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra. "It's the law."

Ms. Shubert made it clear that she wants the dogs and their owners to be together, not separated, by a fence.

She said she spent \$8,000 on the new deck, that her customers donated to the cause through a sign and jar on the counter, and that

everyone knew what she intended.

When told that the law simply did not allow for animals to dine with people in public restaurants, Ms. Shubert pointed to a book entitled "The Dog Lover's Companion to New England," and asked if all those places in Mass. are breaking the law.

"I don't care what I have to do, but I want my place to be dog friendly," said Ms. Shubert. "I just don't understand why I can't."

BOH members Dolores Caton and Jeannine Lopes both told Ms. Shubert that their concern was with Fairhaven, not the places in the book.

"That's not an official book," said Ms. Caton.

The book was written in 2001; the materials that Ms. Shubert got from the Internet and gave to the board were from 2006.

When the board pointed out that it was all old information, Ms. Shubert said, "You're nitpicking."

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"I was trying to be helpful [by providing information]. I wasn't trying to set myself up for criticism," she said.

"In Fairhaven, what we do is uphold the law," said Ms. Lopes. "We're not nitpicking," and reiterated that only service animals are allowed in food areas.

Ms. Shubert then said if she had gotten "an honest answer" from Ms. Fowle from the start she would not have located her business in Fairhaven.

"There was never a point when I didn't mention it," said Ms. Shubert.

Ms. Fowle said she spoke to Ms. Shubert about Brody and that he could be there. She said they talked about a place for him to be on the property, with shade, etc. She also said other dogs could be tethered to the deck or other places on the property while owners went inside.

Both Mr. DeTerra and Ms. Caton also raised the issue of Brody being allowed in the restaurant and running loose on the property. They both said

they had conversations, on site, with Ms. Shubert about the dog.

When Ms. Shubert denied parts of the conversation with Ms. Caton, Ms. Caton shook her head and turned to Mr. DeTerra.

"Don't roll your eyes all over," said Ms. Shubert. "I think that's very disrespectful."

She added that it was a sensitive subject to her because she loved her dog.

"I find it's very disrespectful to be nitpicked on dates," she said and reiterated that she should have been told a year-and-a-half ago. "The whole town loves going there [to her restaurant]."

Ms. Fowle told the board that she did not mislead them.

Ms. Shubert then swore on her dead grandmother's soul that she was told she could have a dog-friendly place, accused Ms. Fowle of lying, and left the meeting.

After she left, Ms. Fowle said she recalled having a "frank discussion" with Ms. Shubert about the dogs.

"I apologize to the board," said Ms. Fowle. "I would not mislead the board."

Ms. Caton also took issue with being told her recollection of the conversation was not correct.

"If you love dogs that much, you do not leave them loose on Route 6," said Ms. Caton.

Both Ms. Caton and Mr. DeTerra reiterated that they and the board had received numerous calls about Brody being loose in the yard on Route 6 and also being allowed into the restaurant while people were eating.

"I got two calls just on Sunday," said Mr. DeTerra, that the door was open and the dog was walking into the dining area.

Instead of voting to deny the dogs, the board decided to look into ways that Ms. Shubert could have dogs on the premises. Ms. Caton said she knows of at least one place in Boston that allows dogs, but they are fenced off from the eating area.

It is unclear if that will satisfy Ms. Shubert, who promised to return to the next board meeting with "400 people" who want to weigh in on the matter.

*Editor's note: Visit [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) to download the letter the BOH sent to Ms. Shubert and the Federal Food Code Section 6-501.115.*

# BPW begins interviewing superintendent candidates

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

In an effort to get someone on board as soon after July 1 as possible, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works began interviewing superintendent candidates in executive session after their 6/13 regular meeting.

Six candidates were selected out of a field of 14 applicants, according to BPW member Steven Riley. Preliminary candidates' names will not be revealed to protect them from potential repercussions with their current employers.

At least one candidate did not have to worry about that — Douglas Pinard, West Island wastewater treatment plant leader, who was willing to talk to the *Neighb News*. He already appeared before the board asking for the job, but was told he would have to wait and interview the same as other candidates.

Additional interviews will be conducted in executive session on 6/20, the Board's next meeting, according to Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth.

In its regular session, the Board also interviewed two candidates for the newly created position of Treatment Plant Operator for the new digester building. Kyle Winderlick and Victor Oliveira were up for the position, which required a Grade 5 wastewater certificate.

During Mr. Winderlick's interview, several members noted his quick rise in grade. Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson said that it was just in the past year that he was promoted to Grade 4, and now in a couple months time, he passed the Grade 5 test. Mr. Riley said that because he accelerated to Grade 5, he met the minimum qualifications for the Treatment Plant Operator position.

Mr. Riley asked if Mr. Winderlick felt confident he could run the plant. He said he did, because he had seen a little bit of everything. He said he worked with the Town eight years and in sewer for one year. He also was the back-up for doing the laboratory

work when Superintendent Linda Schick was unavailable.

BPW member Daniel Freitas advised both candidates to learn the plant, every pipe and every part of it.

Mr. Winderlick noted that the contractor had not allowed anyone into the building. Ms. Schick said that there would be owner training, but they just found out there was no money for system training.

Mr. Haworth asked Mr. Winderlick if there were challenges he anticipated with the new facility.

"Everybody's going to learn as they go," Mr. Winderlick said of the new plant.

Mr. Oliveira was also quizzed on his ability to run the plant and his credentials. He said he had been in the sewer department 15 months, had his Grade 4 certificate, and was taking his Grade 5 test on June 30, 2011.

Mr. Oliveira said that although he had not worked with a digester, he understood that it has to be watched closely for changes and that it has to set. He said what he had learned was that whatever happens in the pump station affects the treatment plant. He said the operator has to work the two in sync.

Ms. Schick said that Mr. Oliveira was an excellent employee, very dedicated and the first to step up when there was a problem like the main break on Sycamore Street.

In the end, BPW voted 4-0 (Kathy Sturtevant was absent) in favor of Mr. Winderlick because he already had his Grade 5 certification.

The Board also awarded several contracts during its regular meeting. A three-year sludge contract was awarded to Synagro of Naugatuck, CT. Rates for hauling were set at \$245 per load and for disposal at \$320 per load. The second bidder was rejected because it did not own the trucks or show it had insurance for the trucks. The sludge will be brought to an incinerator in Woonsocket, RI, Ms. Schick said later.

The water distribution system rehabilitation contract in the amount

of \$294,015.15 was awarded to B i s z k o C o n t r a c t i n g Corporation of Fall River, MA by a 4-0 vote, one absent. And the

West Island portable restroom was awarded to Wells Cargo in the amount of \$36,595.43. The restroom is in stock and will be shipped soon.

In other matters, a vote on the annual bid for a track-mounted backhoe rental was put back out to bid due to an error on the annual bid list.

Peter deTerra Excavating bid either \$115 or \$125 per hour. According to Mr. Haworth, who abstained from voting, he was contacted by a bidder saying that there was a typographical error that transposed two numbers. It is unclear who made the error, the bidder or the town. The Board voted 3-0, 1 abstention and 1 absent to rebid. The other bidder, Fairhaven Excavating, will also be notified of the re-bid.

According to Mr. Haworth, who abstained from voting, he was contacted by a bidder for an excavator that there was a typographic error that transposed two numbers. The Board voted 3-0, 1 abstention and 1 absent. The bidders will be notified of the re-bid.

The bid for uniforms was postponed to the next meeting.

A request to use Cushman Park track from June 21, 2011 to August 25 was tabled to the next meeting on June 20, 2011. Nathan Goldrick asked permission to use the park for a cross-country track camp from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. He submitted a flyer advertising the camp which indicated it would cost \$250 per person for ten weekly sessions.

Mr. Hobson questioned whether the camp would use the fields to make money, and whether they had insurance. He also asked how many people would be in the track camp. He said that while he did not want to hold the applicant up, he felt Mr. Goldrick should meet with the Board.

Mr. Freitas noted that the brochure submitted made it clear he was not associated with the Recreation Center or FHS. Mr. Riley said that the football league uses facilities but is charged a fee for it. The Board voted 4-0 to place the matter on the June 20, 2011 agenda.

The Board voted to go into executive session, not to reconvene, to interview BPW Superintendent candidates and to discuss union matters. ●●●



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so the residents present could hear the proposal.

Committee member Bernard Roderick said he did not want to place restrictions on public comment. He recalled that originally it was moved to the beginning of the agenda to allow meaningful input on topics.

Ms. Powers asked why off-agenda questions should be separate from the public comment on agenda items.

Mr. Kruger said it was to allow the Committee to conduct its business. He said he had felt uncomfortable with the way this meeting went in that he didn't have answers to questions. He said if the comment were after New Business but before the Executive Session, residents would still have a chance to raise questions after the Committee took care of business.

Mr. Monroe disagreed that the two comment periods needed to be separated. He said he did not want to make someone sit through the whole meeting. He also said he thought the meeting had gone well, and there were safeguards as to time limits and appropriate remarks to prevent the comments from taking over the meeting.

"I don't think this meeting went well. We were unprepared....," said Mr. Kruger. "No, I don't like the way it ran tonight. At least have them understand, we may not have the answer. We're supposed to be conducting

business. The meeting goes much smoother when you know what's going to be on it."

Mr. Monroe responded that they should not feel obligated to answer questions. If it needs to be added to the agenda, he said, that's the answer.

"I don't want to be blindsided, either," said Mr. Monroe.

"I'm inclined to agree with Mr. Kruger," said Ms. Kuechler. "I like the idea of people coming to the meeting, but want the chance to look into it. If they choose not to sit through the whole meeting, they can adjust their schedules. It would be nice to be able to respond to them."

Ms. Hahn interrupted the discussion to say the public can not make comments if the agenda is not posted until the same day. Ms. Kuechler did not recognize her to speak.

Mr. Roderick said the meeting had "gone astray," and "That's the kind of thing we try to avoid."

"We can't always avoid what happened today," said Ms. Powers. "People are going to ask questions we don't want to hear. People are going to ask questions we can't answer."

She added that she agreed with the proposed separation of comments at the end of business on the agenda.

Mr. Monroe concluded that it was a "step in the right direction."

The Committee asked Dr. Baldwin to put the draft policy on the website before the next meeting.

In other business:

- The SC voted unanimously to allow

Fairhaven Music Director Bryan Young to travel to Annapolis, MD, next year with band students.

- The SC voted unanimously to accept a stained glass window from the Class of 1966 as presented by representatives Jane Patenaude and Jo-Ann Rezendes. The glass window will be formally accepted at the Homecoming breakfast.
- Dr. Baldwin presented the FHS valedictorian Emma LeBlanc-Medeiros with the Massachusetts Superintendent Certificate of Excellence

The Committee also voted to go into Executive Session without announcing why. In response to an inquiry from a reporter, Ms. Kuechler said it was for contractual matters. When they returned, the Committee voted 5-0 (David Gonsalves was absent) to approve the nurses' contract.

According to Dr. Baldwin, the nurses pay schedule will be the first step of the teachers' old pay grid. There will be a 0% increase for FY2011, and the first step will take place beginning in FY2012, starting July 1, 2011. Nurses will be required to have a bachelor's degree and nursing certificate. Also, they will be required to work six additional days. No nurses will be dismissed as all have the necessary credentials. There is one vacancy. Dr. Baldwin said he believed that all nurses will be getting an increase in pay as a result of the new contract.

## Reader pleads for rejection of one-school

*Letter to the Editor*

Dear Tax Payers of Fairhaven,

It has been over a month since Town Meeting pushed through a vote to PREPARE for ONE LARGE school on Sciticut Neck. The presentation took over one hour by the School Administration/School Building Committee Member.

After [Superintendent of Schools] Dr. Baldwin's long presentation had been given, a short rebuttal was granted to the public to refute the ONE SCHOOL fits all diatribe.

Earlier, when the Article was presented, a motion was presented to hold a secret ballot, but when it came time to vote, that motion was voted down, so as to embarrass some voting members who were in favor of voting for two neighborhood schools.

I question why two members of the School Building Committee kept

running up and down the aisle during the discussion of Article 8.

The School Building Committee has not given the town all the facts, including the cost of busing 95% of all children in Fairhaven forever. We could put Oxford School back on line as a neighborhood school and keep Rogers School as a school and not turn it into a new Administration Office for the winner.

I suggest that the town voters call the Selectmen and school board to express their concerns about keeping our neighborhood schools. The School Department should be teaching the three Rs, not teaching riding a bus from K to 12.

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money be spent on the administrative assistant's salary. With that change, the motion to table was withdrawn, and the transfer was approved as modified unanimously.

FinCom also voted unanimously to transfer \$4,940 from the general levy reserve fund to pay for replacing stolen copper drainpipe at Town Hall. The Town filed an insurance claim of \$11,000 for the theft of copper drainpipe at both Town Hall and the Millicent Library last spring.

After the \$5,000 deductible, \$6,000 will go to replacing the library's drains with copper. The Town elected to go with cast iron. However, the library was warned that it would be responsible for its decision to stay with copper.

"If copper has the habit of disappearing, so does money from FinCom," said Mr. Roderiques.

In other business, FinCom voted in its officers for the next fiscal year. Mr. Roderiques was re-elected as chairperson, Mr. Silva as recording secretary, and Mr. Warner, Daniel deNardis, and Scott Fernandes were voted in as

rotating vice-chairpersons.

The committee also rewarded Mr. Fernandes for his tardiness by voting, in his absence, that he treat everyone to pizza at the 6/23 meeting.

FinCom also began discussing the organization of FinCom and whether changes were necessary to protocol. Mr. Roderiques said that absent member Kathleen Carter had asked whether FinCom could eliminate labor counsel for contracts. That would require a Town Charter change.

Another issue raised was whether FinCom could participate more actively in capital planning. Mr. Roderiques reminded members that they were prohibited from sitting on another board except advisory or ad hoc committees created by the Selectboard. He said only Town Meeting could change that. But one such committee FinCom had been invited to was Brian Bowcock's Economic Study Committee. Another was the Shellfish Advisory Committee, if it were still established.

FinCom also had a brief discussion on open meeting laws and discussion

of topics outside of the regular meeting when a quorum of members was present. That issue had come up at precinct meetings.

Mr. Roderiques said that as long as the member disclosed they were a member but were not speaking on behalf of FinCom, such as at precinct meetings, then they could represent themselves. He again reminded members to contact the state Ethics Commission when in doubt.

Ms. Bishop asked whether a fall Town Meeting had been scheduled for the new school. Mr. Osuch said it had not but that MSBA did approve the one school option. Within nine to ten weeks, the schematic design should be completed. That would place a Town Meeting in October, and a vote on the debt exclusion in late October or early November.

Town Meeting decides to hold the election — specifically they vote to authorize the Town to spend the money if the money is borrowed. Bids for construction, if approved at debt exclusion, would go out in April or May 2012.

## SMCU donates books to Fairhaven schools

### Press Release

For the fifth consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union, in conjunction with the Mass Credit Union League, participated in a Childrens Book Drive collecting new and used books. The books were donated by credit union members, employees, families and friends. A total of 42 Massachusetts state credit unions participated in this event collecting a total of 16,118 books.

As a community credit union, we are pleased to help our local schools increase their collection of books and thereby promote literacy for the students, stated Daniel Waltz, President and CEO of Southern Mass Credit Union. We would like to thank our members and employees for their generosity in donating books to our annual book drive so we may

help these local schools stock their library shelves,

Each participating credit union chose an organization to receive the books collected. To help schools stock their library shelves and promote student literacy, SMCU chose to donate their books to the following local schools: East Fairhaven Elementary School, Leroy

L. Wood Elementary School, Rogers Elementary School, St. Joseph Catholic School, Hastings Middle School.

In addition to the books, each school also received a check donated by SMCU to help purchase additional books for the school libraries.

Southern Mass Credit Unions School Savings Supervisor, Rose M. Ferreira, presented the books and donations to a representative at each of the schools.

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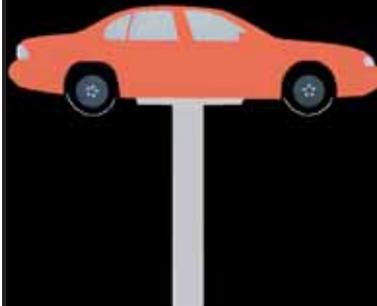
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