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

## Homecoming crowded with happy reunions



ABOVE: The crowd watches the entertainment in front of Town Hall at Fairhaven's Homecoming Fair on Saturday, 6/25. The annual street fair features more than 175 craft and food booths, entertainment all day long, and activities for children and adults. LEFT: Longtime school department secretary Evelyn Martin poses for the local free rag with her daughter Janet Collette. Mrs. Martin has recently moved away from Fairhaven but promised to return often for all the fun events. See page 16 for more photos. *Photos by Beth David.* See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) and visit us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Happy July 4th everyone, but beware: law enforcement is out to get you. There's a big push on to save us from ourselves, again.

Heavy sigh.

Seatbelt laws, helmet laws, that asinine new railing with fencing that blocks the view of the Mattapoissett River on the bike path (I hope it falls into the river); these things make my blood boil.

I get it, I do, fireworks are dangerous. But, please, so is running and biking and even sneezing, for heaven's sake. Should we outlaw those activities, too?

The obsession this country has with safety is downright annoying.

Every time you turn around someone is telling you how dangerous something is.

I don't know about you, but I want my police department and fire department doing something more important than chasing down people who are letting off fireworks. The fireworks displays on West Island are usually spectacular. Not everyone wants to run to the big displays and fight traffic and all that goes with it.

It's a small percentage of dopes who get hurt from this stuff. They're dopes. Why should the rest of us have to suffer because of what they did?

Oh yeah, because we're obsessed with safety in this country. And if one person did it, the rest of use are bound to try it. It's insulting.

Screw the Tea Party, I want a Fun Party to form and get rid of all the save-them-from-themselves bull-oney laws Other states have legal fireworks, why the hell can't Massachusetts?

Well, enjoy your Fourth anyway.

We have lots of meeting coverage for you this week, See page 4 for Finance Committee, page 17 for Board of Public Works, page 22 for Conservation Commission (the Seaport is in the news again), and page 23 for news on the proposed doggie deck.

We also have a Report from Potter's Point this week. See page 26 to find out how the romance between Alf and Ellen Marie is progressing.

There's lots of other good stuff in here, of course. Just thumb through to check it all out. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are, too, and tell them "thanks" for supporting the Neighb News.

Remember, too, that this is our last issue until 7/21. We're on our summer break. I'm searching for the ice cream truck. I heard it today, but, alas, it did not get close enough for me to partake of its sweet treats.

Until the 21st then, be warm, be dry, enjoy all the great grey-blue beast has to offer

See ya,  
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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS

In the Finance Committee story that ran on 6/16, we mistakenly identified one of the rotating Vice Chairs of the Committee. They are Sid Martin, Daniel deNardis, and Scott Fernandes. We are sorry for the error and any confusion that may have resulted.

# Fairhaven to crack down on fireworks; bonfires need permits

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire and Police Departments, and the State Fire Marshal are planning to crack down on the display of illegal fireworks this Fourth of July weekend.

In a press release last week, the Fire Department said violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

According to Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers, that means \$100 fine and a criminal summons through the Third District Court.

In a letter to beach associations and residents, officials point to a fire last year that caused \$137,000 in damage to a home and permanently displaced the elderly resident. All materials also point to the death of a man on a Fairhaven beach in 1992.

According to a Boston Globe article from 7/6/92, Philip DelMonaco of Hyde Park had trouble getting a rocket-type device to light. When he looked into the tube, it exploded. He died of massive head injuries.

Chief Myers said that fireworks in recent years have become much more powerful, causing more injuries.

"They're getting a lot more serious," said the chief. "They're almost commercial grade."

He said, that as a result of the house fire last year, the two chiefs decided they could not longer ignore the proliferation of private fireworks displays.

He said that Sciticut Neck and West Island in particular have "pretty much had a free-for-all" in recent years.

The chief added that in the past, the department has been stretched because of extra coverage for the fireworks in the harbor. This year, he is hoping to have extra cruisers available to patrol the neck simultaneously.

In addition to the Fairhaven fire and police departments, the state fire marshal, Bristol County sheriffs and state police units will also be looking or fireworks violators.

"We're just letting people know, we will try to beef up our manpower at both the fire department and the police department," said Chief Myers.

He said both departments decided that "we need to try and re-educate the public."

"These things are illegal and you can't be doing it because of safety concerns," he said. "Our message is we're going to be as strict as possible."

He said anyone in possession of fireworks, or who is seen lighting them off, will be fined and the fireworks will be confiscated.

The use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Mass., including sparklers, firecrackers and bottle rockets.

In a statement, the state fire marshal said the busiest days of the year for fires in the last decade were July 2-7.

"The Fourth of July is no holiday for firefighters," he said.

## Bonfires

In the letter to beach associations, officials also reminded residents that bonfire permits are required and will only be available for July 3rd & 4th.

Call the Fairhaven Fire Department at 508-994-1428 for more information.

*Editor's Note: Visit [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) to download the letter from officials and a flyer on the dangers of fireworks.*

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# FinCom wraps up FY 2011

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Corresponden

They said "See you in September" at the end of the 6/23 Fairhaven Finance Committee meeting as they wrapped up the last few financial details of FY2011. They were planning ahead even as they looked at the last of the reserve fund transfers. Member Scott Fernandes had prepared a list of possible subcommittees and even a potential by-law change that reflected comments he had heard over the past six months.

The FinCom allowed three transfers from the reserve fund for departments short on gas money — the Building Inspector at \$65, the Police Department at \$5,200 and the Council on Aging (COA) at \$651.

The COA was running 10% over last year on its gasoline consumption, according to Jeffrey Osuch, the Selectboard's Executive Secretary.

The committee also voted absent to approve legal funds for the Board of Public Works.

For the record, Chairperson John Roderiques announced that he had the correct reserve fund balance last meeting at \$75,738.13. After last meeting's transfers, the fund was at \$58,997.49

The request from BPW was for unforeseen legal costs. The BPW sought \$5,000 originally and added another \$1,500 for a transfer from the reserve fund to be transferred to the Town's legal account to pay for legal expenses and arbitration costs.

The BPW lost an arbitration case with the union, and will have to pay \$1,413 for the arbitrator. Mr. Osuch said there is about \$7,200 remaining in the legal fund out of an annual budget of \$130,000.

In addition to arbitration, the fund was used to pay for legal disputes such as the building inspector's department and the Seaport Inn, and the dispute arising from property line issues at Cushman Park.

The legal fund also paid for challenges to Zoning Board of Appeals, and for defending tax assessments, gun license appeals, and motor vehicle accidents. There was also a pending Massachusetts Teacher's Association discrimination case, and several smaller issues. A single hearing in Boston can cost as much as \$3,060 in attorney fees, according to Mr. Osuch.

Mr. Roderiques asked where the money for the arbitration award would come from, as it had not been budgeted. Mr. Osuch said the amount of the award was not clear from the decision. According to the decision, the BPW changed the hours of the recycle center worker without following the contract's procedures for doing so.

The worker's hours changed in March 2010 to Tuesday through Saturday. The arbitration awarded overtime pay at time-and-a-half for Saturday hours worked, but it was unclear who would be paid overtime — the worker who worked Saturdays or other union employees who might have been eligible to work at the recycling facility.

According to Mr. Osuch, the contract calls for overtime rotation among eligible employees.

"Town Meeting needs to

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get any sympathy from  
us — or money.  
[John Roderiques]

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appropriate money," said Mr. Roderiques. "No one is entitled to overtime."

Another alternative was to lay off a worker, Mr. Osuch said. Since the BPW changed the recycling center hours due to a lack of funds for overtime and to prevent a layoff, it could mean that two workers would have to be laid off.

"You're not going to get any sympathy from us — or money," said Mr. Roderiques.

FinCom voted 10-0, with two absent, to approve the transfer of \$6,500 from legal to BPW to pay legal costs associated with the arbitration. FinCom members Ronald Quinton and Kathleen Carter were absent.

After the transfers the reserve fund had \$46,581.49 remaining, according to Mr. Osuch.

In another matter, Mr. Fernandes proposed creating subcommittees that could be formed to address some of the recurring issues seen by the

FinCom. Some towns have as many as thirty subcommittees. Three committees were proposed: one on labor, one on capital expenditures, and one on government reform to trim spending.

The committee on labor was proposed to review contracts for union and non-union employees as a way to control spending.

Mr. deNardis and Ms. Bishop said it would take away the bargaining power from the departments.

"I can see what you want to do, but we don't have the right to do that. It's already done [by the department]," said Ms. Bishop.

Member Kim Hyland said that the way contracts come to FinCom for a recommendation, the day before Town Meeting already signed, doesn't allow time for research.

Mr. Roderiques said FinCom had played a larger role in this year's contracts, and that "the line was moved" because of that role.

The committee for capital expenditures or capital outlays greater than \$500,000 was met with initial resistance.

"What authority do you have to tell somebody you need a five-year plan?" asked Mr. Roderiques.

FinCom Member Edward "Ted" Silva said that the town police department did capital planning by purchasing two police cars annually to replace vehicles with the highest mileage. Similarly the ambulance service had scheduled equipment replacement. FinCom had recommended the plan to avoid facing multiple cruiser replacement in a single year.

Reminding the Committee that they had done something similar when handling street improvement requests, Ms. Szala suggested that next year each member take a capital outlay request to inspect and report back. Mr. Roderiques agreed with Ms. Szala that they could divvy up the capital outlay. He asked that if they were all going to look at an item, that they coordinate with the department head and be cognizant of Open Meeting Law requirements.

Mr. Fernandes' suggested the government reform subcommittee would make recommendations to the Selectboard on by-laws for Town Meeting. Mr. Roderiques said that FinCom could put an article before

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The American History Costume Parade, sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism will be held on **Monday, July 4, at 9:30 a.m.** The route is south on Green Street from Cushman Park to Fort Phoenix. Anyone in historical or patriotic costume may walk in the parade.

The parade will form between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the Green St. side of Cushman Park, near the band shell. The parade will step off and follow directly after the passage of the July Fourth Car & Vehicle Cruise sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

When the costumed marchers arrive at Fort Phoenix an Independence Program will be held. A brief history of the fort will be presented, followed by a reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence. Patriotic musical selections will be performed by the Showstoppers. The flag will be raised to the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. Then the Fairhaven Village Militia will load and fire the fort's five Civil War cannons over the harbor.

For more info, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com).

## Swim Buzzards Bay

**18th annual. Sat., July 2, check-in starts 6:00 a.m.** Begins at Davy's Locker, 1480 East Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, ends at Fort Phoenix, Old Fort Road, Fairhaven.

A 1.2 mile swim across the harbor raises funds for the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Swimmers are asked to raise \$150 in sponsorships in order to register. To swim or be a sponsor visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim)

## WI Breakfast Buffet

**Sun., 7/3, 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.

## 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)

## Farmers Market

**Fairhaven Farmer's Market every Sunday from 1-4pm now through the fall**, on the corner of Main Street and Route 6 on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

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.

## FHS Tours

The Fairhaven High School Alumni Association will hold tours of the Fairhaven High School on **Fridays, July 8, 15, and 22, 2011 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM**. The tours begin in the new Rotunda between the 1906 building and the addition and will last for approximately 2 hours. Please use the main entrance on Huttleston Avenue.

The tour will showcase the 1906 building that was donated to the Town of Fairhaven by the town's benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers which was proclaimed by the Fairhaven Star to be the "most remarkable schoolhouse in the world" at that time.

Elizabethan in style, the building is 100 feet in height with three stories. The interior of the building was distinguished by hand carvings, beautiful murals, Italian marble floors, and windows of French plate glass. Especially noteworthy is the library, with its hand-carved walls, bookcases, chairs, and floor (all made of bog oak, imported at great cost from the British Isles). An excellent round gymnasium complete with a second level running track, and a superbly-styled auditorium, notable for almost perfect acoustics, added both beauty and utility to the building. That gymnasium was converted into the school library/media center in 1995 and a new gymnasium was constructed in a new addition along with modern class-

rooms, technology centers and a new cafeteria and performing arts center.

## Tennis Assoc.

The Fairhaven Tennis Association offers a wide variety of opportunities to those interested in playing tennis or who want to learn. We sponsor: a USTA Ten and Under Program, an Adult Beginner and Intermediate instructional program, Junior Tennis Camps through the Recreation Department, a mixed doubles drop in, Singles play, a drop in for everyone, a Junior Drop in for Middle and High School players, Saturday evening tennis parties, winter tennis parties, socials, in house tournaments, a USTA Recreational Coaches Workshop, and two USTA Junior Tennis Teams for 18 and under and 14 and under. We have excellent instructors and coaches.

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## Historical Calendars

If you did not get one of the Fairhaven 2012 Bicentennial calendars at the Homecoming Day Fair, you may purchase them at several locations throughout town. The calendars, put together by Spinner Publications for the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee, feature historical photographs. On many dates, events of historical interest are noted. The calendars cost \$15, with the proceeds benefiting the Bicentennial Committee, which is planning a variety of activities during 2012, the town's 200th anniversary year.

These special edition calendars

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and Molly's Variety Store, 379 Scanticut Neck Road. East Fairhaven: Courtyard Restaurant, 270 Huttleston Avenue and Mike's Restaurant, 390 Huttleston Avenue

## HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

### Photo Exhibit

St. Luke's Hospital is hosting a national traveling exhibit that examines a 19th century writer's challenge to the medical profession and the relationship between science and society. The free exhibit is located on the **Mezzanine level of St. Luke's Hospital and will be open to the public until July 9.**

The "Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman" and "The Yellow Wall-Paper" is a six-banner traveling exhibit from the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine.

Artist and writer Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who was discouraged from pursuing a career to preserve her health, rejected these ideas in a terrifying short story titled "The Yellow Wall-Paper." The famous tale served as an indictment of the medical profession and the social conventions restricting women's professional and creative opportunities. For more information on the exhibit visit [www.nlm.nih.gov/the-literatureofprescription/](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/the-literatureofprescription/).

### Summerfest

The 2011 Greater New Bedford Summerfest Folk Festival will feature the best in contemporary, traditional and Celtic folk music from Saturday July 2 through Sunday July 3, 2011 in the Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts selected as a 2011 Distinctive Destination. The Summerfest is an affordable destination for families seeking a fun-filled Independence Day weekend.

Festival hours are Saturday and Sunday from 11:00AM to 9:00PM at \$20/day (available on site only); Weekend Pass (Saturday and Sunday only) at \$20 advance/ \$25 gate.

Purchase tickets online at [www.newbedfordsummerfest.com/tickets.html](http://www.newbedfordsummerfest.com/tickets.html). Become a Facebook fan of the New Bedford Summerfest Folk Festival at [www.facebook.com/SummerfestNewBedford](http://www.facebook.com/SummerfestNewBedford)

### Fireworks & Parade

Through the generous support and co-sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates, LLC and DeMoulas Market Basket, the New Bedford fireworks will be launched at **9:15pm on Mon., July 4 from a barge located in New Bedford Harbor.**

The public will have a clear view of the fireworks presentation from almost every point around New Bedford Harbor. The rain date is set for Monday, July 11, 2011 at 9:15PM.

As part of the Cape Verdean Recognition Week events, the **39th Annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade will take place on Saturday, July 2nd, stepping off at 11am from Buttonwood Park** (corner of Rockdale Avenue and Union Street). The parade will proceed East on Union Street, South on Acushnet Avenue, West on Grinnell Street, North onto Pleasant Street. For more information visit [www.cvrc.org](http://www.cvrc.org).

### Free Concert

A gala Independence Day concert will celebrate America's multicultural roots on **Monday, July 4, with festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m.** on the plaza of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The free outdoor concert will feature the Nettukkusq Singers, performers from the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, and members of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. David MacKenzie. The New Bedford No Place for Hate Multicultural Chorus will also sing. Children's activities will be offered before the program and the concert will conclude with plenty of time to view the city's fireworks display over New Bedford harbor.

### Walking Tours

The New Bedford Preservation Society will hold its first Saturday Summer Walking Tour on **July 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., stepping off from the front porch of the William Rotch**

**Rodman House at 388 County Street**, where parking is available.

Subsequent tours are scheduled on Saturdays through the end of August by reservation. Local historian Bruce Barnes will be your tour guide with interesting narrative about the architecture and history of the city's various 19th century neighborhoods which will be featured on the tours. Cost is \$7 per person with a \$2 discount given to NB Preservation Society members. Please call the society office (508-997-6425) for reservations. Tours will not be held in inclement weather.

### Free Acting Classes

New Bedford's Your Theatre, Inc will conduct six no-charge classes and workshops in acting on consecutive Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the auditorium complex of St. Martin's Church at the southeast corner of County and Rivet Streets beginning Thursday July 14 and ending August 18, 2011.

Open to South-Coast residents aged 16 and older, sessions will be limited to a maximum of 16 attendees. Participants will be chosen by the order in which their applications are received and regardless of gender, race, creed, or political, sexual and religious persuasion. Interested persons should submit their names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers to POWS1@verizon.net, or call the YTI. office at 508 993-0772.

The program will be conducted by two Fairhaven residents; Edward J. Maguire, retired YTI Artistic Director, assisted by Cynthia J. Messier, a 40-year YTI veteran actor and director. Mr. Maguire will coach participants in acting technique, while Ms Messier will concentrate on oral interpretation skills.

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# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Road Race

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## At Baker Books

The following events are 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.

- Author Peter Manso, reading from **REASONABLE DOUBT: THE FASHION WRITER, CAPE COD, AND THE TRIAL OF CHRIS MCCOWEN** featured on Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM.
- Author Randall Pepper, reading from **SCREAMS & WHISPERS: A CAPE ISLANDS NOVEL** featured on Thursday, July 7th at 6:00 PM.
- Author Maureen Hancock, reading from **THE MEDIUM NEXT DOOR: ADVENTURES OF A REAL-LIFE GHOST WHISPERER** featured on Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 PM.

## Flea Market

The Annual Smith Neck Friends Flea Market takes place on **Saturday July 9 from 8 am to 1 pm**. During this annual event Friendly Circle members hold a luncheon and bake sale. Savor delicious homemade sandwiches and desserts while browsing the vendors who rent tables to sell their treasures. New this year: Lobster Rolls for \$10, and stuffed quahogs.

Local residents have been cleaning out their closets and donating their items to the Meeting. We have books,

household items, furniture, holiday decorations and baby equipment. Tables may be reserved for \$15.00 by calling Carole at 508-9945108 or Anne at 508-994-5816. Call one of those numbers to reserve your lobster roll for lunch. **Rain date: Sat. July 16.** Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road, S. Dartmouth at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road.

## Mattapoissett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoissett Free Public, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoissett, except where otherwise noted. Accessible.

### Sumer Reading Selections

Area school summer reading lists are out, and the library is stocking up on the titles you need. Stop by to see the list and check out the books you are required to read. Ask the library staff for help in locating the books or putting them on reserve. We can also show you how to download one on your iPod or MP3 player.

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### Friends Book Sale

It's time again to donate your gently used books to the Friends of the Library for the Annual Used Book Sale that **takes place at the Congregational Church**. Books, DVDs and CDs can be dropped off anytime at Mayhews Cleaners, Shepley Financial Services, and Eastern Bank. The sale begins for members of the Friends on Monday, July 11 from 6 to 8 pm. The sale is open to the public Tuesday, July 12 - 14th from 9 am to 6 pm and on July 15th from 9 am to noon. Proceeds of the sale benefit the work of the Friends.

### Harbor Days Thrift Sale

This year library young adults are sponsoring a thrift sale with great stuff for students. Now is the time to donate those comics, action figures, clothing, books and CDs, and other

cool stuff to the sale that will benefit youth programs at the library. Anyone donating items will be entered into a free drawing for a basket of great stuff and treats. Have an hour to help at the sale? It will be held Saturday, July 16th from 11 to 4 pm on the library lawn. Contact Liz Sherry for more information at 508-758-4171 or [esherry@sailsinc.org](mailto:esherry@sailsinc.org).

## Harbor Days

Harbor Days 2011 will be held on July 15, 16, 17 at Shipyard Park in Mattapoissett, MA

The Mattapoissett Lions Club is known around the region for its annual Harbor Days. This week-long festival starts on Sunday, July 10, 2011 with the Triathlon and culminates on July 16-17 with a weekend of Crafter & Artisan booths, live entertainment, a raffle, silent auction and lots of food and fun for all ages. Mattapoissett Boat Yard will run Harbor Tours from 9:30am-3:00pm on July 16-17 and Whaling City Rowing Club will run whale boat rowing excursions as well. Proceeds from this event allow the Club to generously support Lions Club sponsored charities and to assist those in need in our community.

Visit [http://www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org/pb/wp\\_c07f6445/wp\\_c07f6445.html](http://www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org/pb/wp_c07f6445/wp_c07f6445.html) for full schedule.

## ABWA meeting

The members of the Southcoast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invite all women from diverse occupations and stages in their professional careers to join them at their next meeting on **Wednesday, July 13, at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth**. In addition to the monthly speaker, the group will award the annual scholarship of \$500 to their 2011 recipient, Ms. Melissa Gilbarg, and conduct the swearing in of board members. Accessible.

The July speaker will be the Honorable Francis J. Larkin, a key figure in the establishment of the UMass School Of Law at Dartmouth. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Lisa LeBreux, VP of Communications, at 508-989-9235 or at [lisa@scrapbookwestport.com](mailto:lisa@scrapbookwestport.com) by **July 11**.

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- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- pinch of salt

Put everything in blender, turn on high for 10 seconds.

Grease a pie pan and fill. It will settle into layers.

Bake at 350 for 40 mins.

Serves 8

## Big Bump Groodies

- 2 large eggs
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups long cooking oatmeal, nuts, dates, coconut, raisins, apples.

Beat eggs. Add all ingredients, mix after each addition.

Grease cookie sheet. Drop cookies by spoonful on cookie sheet. Bake 7-10 minutes at 375.

Makes 1 1/2 dozen

# A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

## Special to the Neighb News

### ST Softball All Stars

Kelsey Perron Sovik was selected as centerfield for the Standard-Times all stars. Batting third on a super team, she batted .413. Also was best centerfielder in the league.

Kayli Monz, super Fairhaven High School short stop who batted .435 was best ss in league, Derek Jeter type player.

Making second team all stars was pitcher Courtney Girouard who also could hit, batting .397. NB Voc-Tech's Jessica Collins also made second team along with honorable mentions Ashley Brown, Kay Mullen and Voc-Tech's Kenzi Pimental.

### ST Baseball All Stars

FHS pitcher Adam Mullen was selected to the second team along with Ryan Baldwin, who had five home runs. Bobby Perry received honorable mention.

### Player of the Year

Ray Lawton, FHS singles tennis player was chosen as Player of the Year by the ST.

Christina Pottel, FHS top tennis player with 18-2 record, was chosen to ST first team All Stars.

### Tim Desroches joins brother

2011 FHS grad Tim Desroches will be going to the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Tim was one of 1200 cadets accepted from over 12,000 applicants. He will join his brother Jeff, a third year student.

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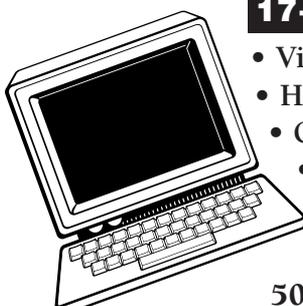
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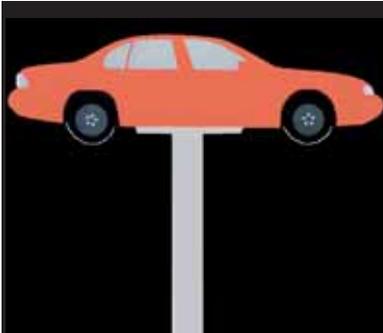
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# Hurricane plans familiar; residents urged to get permits early

By Mali Lim

## Neighb News Correspondent

As hurricane season approaches, town officials are once again alerting residents to be ready for disasters, with several department heads presenting their updated annual hurricane preparedness plans to the selectboard on Monday, 6/20.

"We haven't had any major storms since Hurricane Carol, although there was some damage during Bob, so I think many people in this area might not know what it's going to be like during a major disaster," said Selectboard Chair Michael Silvia. The selectboard and department heads have issued the following tips to Fairhaven residents:

### Pre-storm Preparations

Prior to a hurricane, police will be establishing posts throughout the town to assist residents with evacuations, said Chief of Police Michael Myers. If the town does call for evacuations for certain areas, it's important that people in those areas go to a shelter or leave town, as police will not be patrolling those sections during the storm itself.

Only people with permits will be allowed back onto West Island or Sciticut Neck after the storm, so residents of those areas are advised to get their permits from the Public Works Department ahead of time.

"Last year when we had that close call, we had a mob of people coming in last minute," said Highway Superintendent John M. Charbonneau. "The BPW issues permits from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, so the sooner you can get in, the better."

Harbormaster David S. Darmofal also announced that as the Sciticut Neck area shuts down, people will need to remove their boats, rentals and other equipment as soon as possible. The boat ramps will be issuing "delicatessen-style" numbered tickets with people being allowed access to ramps based on ticket number to maintain an orderly process, he said.

"If there's a storm coming, remove items from outside your home or secure them so they don't become missiles that can go through another person's home," advised John Rogers of Fairhaven's Emergency Management Agency.

Residents are also warned that if

they have emergency generators, to make sure they are wired correctly so they do not inadvertently feed electricity back into town systems that are shut down, creating live wires that pose dangers to others.

Mr. Rogers also suggested that people take pictures of their homes for future reference for recovery and insurance purposes, and make arrangements ahead of time for pets to be kept with friends or family members in safe areas.

"We don't have the capability to take in animals at the shelters, people won't be able to bring their pets with them," he said.

Finally, relying on computers or cell phones for information or news can be risky, especially if power is cut or cell towers are down.

"Be sure to have a portable radio," said Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

### During A Hurricane

According to Mr. Osuch, the Fairhaven Fire Department is the eyes and ears of the town during a hurricane disaster, tracking the movement of the storm while serving as an emergency command post staffed by eight ham radio operators, emergency personnel, and members of the selectboard working in shifts to monitor disaster response actions.

In addition, anyone interested in volunteering and becoming a member of the emergency management team is welcome to contact the EMA Director, Mark Jodoin.

"It's a way to help your neighbor directly," said Mr. Rogers.

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After the storm is when  
the hard work takes  
place. [Jeffrey Osuch]

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For residents in the Sciticut Neck area, the Wood School will serve as the emergency evacuation shelter, while the Hastings School will be the emergency shelter for the rest of the town.

If a decision to evacuate is made, residents should take the directive seriously, several department heads stated, as rescue efforts for people who have ignored evacuation orders puts emergency personnel at extra,

unnecessary risks.

"In case of a storm, water lines for the low-lying areas will be shut down," said Mr. Osuch. "Depending on the severity of storm, this could affect how long before the lines are reopened. I caution people to remember that if they decide not to leave, those individuals may not have water and most of the Neck will not have sewer."

"We would like to caution West Island residents that the island will be isolated and if the causeway washes out it could be weeks before there can be access to the island other than by boat," he said. "During the last storm, people had to be rescued by boat, and that wasn't even a major hurricane. People who live in those areas should make efforts to find shelter."

According to Council on Aging Director Grace Nadeau, she and COA outreach workers have compiled a list of seniors who are on their own and may need assistance. Residents of any age who have mobility issues or who may need special assistance are encouraged to contact the police department.

### Post-storm Recovery

Clean up crews with extra personnel will be standing by at fire headquarters during the hurricane, but tree removal will most likely be done after the storm has passed, said Fairhaven Tree Warden Tony Medeiros.

"During Hurricane Bob the town sent guys to cut down limbs during the night, but it's not going to happen again unless it's an extreme emergency, like to rescue someone trapped," he said. "Otherwise, to work in the dark, it's too dangerous for the workers and we're not going to do it."

"After the storm is when the hard work takes place," said Mr. Osuch.

Due to looting and other incidents in other areas of the country hit by disasters, non-official trucks and vehicles will not be allowed in closed areas without authorization, and this includes plumbers, electricians or contractors homeowners may have hired to do repairs.

Fortunately, the town does a good job of helping people through the process of rebuilding, said Mr. Silvia.

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# Homecoming offers reunion time, music, and fun



Fairhaven's annual Homecoming Fair had something for everyone: art show, food, entertainment, vendors of all kinds, bounce house, fire engine rides, and much, much more. The annual street fair, centered in front of town hall, features approximately 175 food and craft booths. Former Fairhavenites from all over the world make it a point to return for the big weekend. Reunions in the street are rampant and the atmosphere is generally upbeat. This year, the overcast sky kept it cool and comfortable. LEFT: TOP, a painting sports a first place ribbon in the art show area; BOTTOM, artwork displayed on the lawn of the Universalist Church Lawn on Green Street. MIDDLE: Chris Richard the clown makes balloon animals for the children. FAR RIGHT: Young Eddie Gonet performs for the crowd. Photos by Beth David and Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Find us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

## Firefighters show might at muster

### Press Release

On June 26, Fairhaven hosted its second annual fire apparatus parade and firefighter's muster. The parade was nearly one mile long with antique and modern fire apparatus from Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Acushnet, Freetown, Dartmouth District 2, Dartmouth District 3, and the New Bedford Fire museum. Fairhaven E.M.A., Acushnet E.M.A., and Eascare also entered support vehicles, ambulances, and paramedic intercept vehicles. Fairhaven police provided traffic support throughout the parade.

The muster was held at Livesey Park in North Fairhaven. Each team consisted of five members and were from Dartmouth District 2, Dartmouth District 3, Freetown, and Mattapoisett. They competed in four timed firefighting related events. The results of all events were:

Rescue Evolution: first place, Freetown; second place, Dartmouth Dist. 3; third place, Mattapoisett.

Wet Ladder Evolution: First place, Freetown; second place, Dartmouth Dist. 3; third place, Dartmouth Dist. 2.

Overhaul Evolution: first place,

Freetown; second place, Dartmouth Dist. 2; third place, Mattapoisett.

Mystery Maze: first place, Dartmouth Dist. 3; second place, Mattapoisett; third place, Freetown.

Overall prizes: first place, Freetown; second place, Dartmouth Dist. 3; third place, Mattapoisett.

Fans of firefighters and fire departments are urged to "like" our Facebook page, "Fairhaven Firefighters Muster," for pictures and videos as well as updates concerning our bicentennial parade and muster scheduled for July 1, 2012.

The Fairhaven Firefighters Muster Committee would like to thank all participants and spec-

tators for joining us this year, and we encourage you to join us next year for what promises to be a grand Olde Tyme Firefighters Muster and Apparatus Parade to celebrate Fairhaven's bicentennial.



At the Fairhaven Firefighters Muster on Sunday, 6/26, Dartmouth firefighters run to the finish line with "Peg" the mannequin during the Mystery Event, which was a series of tasks culminating in saving Peg. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). Find us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

# BPW interviewing for superintendent; approves camp at park

By Joyce Rowley

## Neighb News Correspondent

On 6/20, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works meeting began and ended with executive sessions. The first was a two-and-a-half hour executive session to continue interviewing candidates for the BPW superintendent position.

On a roll call vote of 5-0, BPW went into executive session at 6 p.m. and returned to open meeting at 8:30 p.m. The second executive session began at 9 p.m. on a roll call vote of 5-0 and lasted until 11 p.m. That session covered contract negotiations with Brown and Caldwell, engineers for the anaerobic digester, discussion on the new sewage digester, an emergency meeting on union matters, and to continue the discussion on the superintendent search.

Sandwiched in between the executive sessions, the BPW met with Nathan Goldrick, a Fairhaven resident and professional personal trainer. Mr. Goldrick had applied for use of the Cushman Park track in order to hold a cross-country camp for runners. The camp came up for discussion at the 6/13 meeting, but Mr. Goldrick had not been present to answer questions.

Mr. Goldrick said that he had discussed running a camp with Fairhaven High School coach Jo-Anne Charette and sent flyers to all of the local high school students. The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Saturday at Cushman Park.

However, the participants would either run on the high school track or through town on local streets. Mr. Goldrick said the flyer made it clear that they were not affiliated with

Fairhaven High School. He said that he carried liability insurance as a professional personal trainer and it would cover the camp and had provided a copy of the insurance to Kathy Tripp, BPW Administrative Assistant.

BPW member Steven Riley began by saying that other sports groups paid a nominal fee to the Town for use of parks, but it appeared this would not be exclusively used by the camp. He asked what would happen if another group had scheduled use of the track. Mr. Goldrick responded that his camp would run elsewhere.

Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson asked if Mr. Goldrick would make a small donation to the town.

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I'm not big on signing anything by NexAmp.  
[Steven Riley]

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Mr. Goldrick said that as of 6/20, he had not received any registrations. He expected several people to show up on 6/21.

Mr. Hobson recommended that the camp be approved for a 30-day trial period, and that a small donation be made to the town.

Mr. Haworth asked that any registration form clearly state that the camp was not affiliated with the Town of Fairhaven. Mr. Goldrick agreed to put that on the forms.

The Board voted 4-0 to approve use of Cushman Park by the cross-country camp for a 30-day period. Member Daniel Freitas was not

present for the vote.

In another matter, Mr. Haworth presented a final system acceptance request from NexAmp, the contractor on the solar panels for three buildings.

"I'm not big on signing anything by NexAmp," said Mr. Riley.

Ms. Schick explained that it was not final acceptance of the project, but Mr. Riley was still concerned.

"It says final acceptance," he said.

Mr. Freitas asked if it could be tabled till next week when the board meets again. Ms. Schick said it could, as the ten-day turnaround period had already ended.

Mr. Haworth noted that the acceptance did not require the Board's approval, but he did not want to sign off on it without their concurrence. Mr. Freitas asked Ms. Schick if the system was up and running and she responded that it was.

The Board voted 5-0 to table the acceptance till 6/27.

Mr. Haworth noted that staffing for Homecoming weekend was going to be an issue. He suggested spreading staffing out throughout the day. Ms. Tripp said that the crew leaves together from Arsene Street in one truck.

Mr. Freitas said that Homecoming committee should be notified that the department is financially strapped, and can no longer do trash removal. He also noted that overtime was requested but the Finance Committee cut it from the budget.

The Board voted 5-0 to approve overtime for Homecoming from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for three BPW workers to do trash removal.

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## FHA notice was on time, not short as BOS claimed

By Beth David  
Editor

In last week's coverage of the Selectboard meeting, we reported that the board stated that notice of the 5/12/11 resignation of Kenneth Nelson from the Fairhaven Housing Authority was not given to the Selectboard (BOS) in time for them to consult with the FHA to appoint someone to the position.

Jay Simmons, chair of the FHA, contacted the *Neighb News* to clarify that the FHA duly notified the BOS

within the 30-day time period.

At issue is the authority to appoint a new member. According to the Mass. General laws, the FHA is required to notify the BOS within 30 days of a vacancy. Then after one week's public notice, the two boards will meet jointly to appoint someone until the next election. In the event a board does not notify the BOS within 30 days, the BOS may appoint someone without consulting that board.

The FHA provided a copy of the time-stamped letter received by the

Selectboard on June 6 and the Massachusetts law regulating the appointment. Download both documents at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com). For a link to the law visit: <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter41/Section11>

The following is a letter sent to the *Neighb News* by Mr. Simmons

*Fairhaven Housing Authority Chairman Jay Simmons would like to respond to the Neighborhood News Issue #24 dated June 23, 2011. It was*

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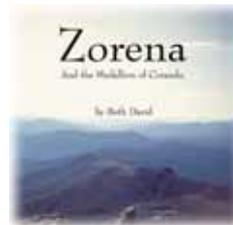
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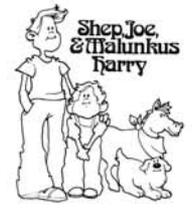
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# ML's Eye on the Weather



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

## Most Infamous SouthCoast Hurricanes Have Never Hit on a Weekend

It appears that hurricanes in the past 100 years have given SouthCoast Massachusetts a break on weekends. Having two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) in a row without hurricanes is also a curious factor. Night time hurricanes are also rare, with the exception of the 1944 Hurricane which slammed the region just before midnight.

• **Monday**, August 19, 1991 —

- Hurricane Bob
- **Monday**, September 12, 1960 —
- Hurricane Donna
- **Tuesday**, August 31, 1954 —



Large trees downed at 100 Bridge St Fairhaven, 1944 Hurricane. The Fairhaven Tree Warden reported more trees fell in the '44 hurricane than the 1938 hurricane six years prior. Photo courtesy of Bob Bumpus.

- Hurricane Carol
- **Wednesday**, September 21, 1938 — 1938 Hurricane
- **Thursday**, September 14, 1944 — 1944 Hurricane
- **Friday**, September 27, 1985 — Hurricane Gloria
- **\*Saturday**, September 11, 1954 — Edna

\*Hurricane Edna formed just 10 days after Hurricane Carol and impacted the region on Saturday, September 11, 1954 but the damage was more localized to the Cape Cod area. Edna gave an already battered SouthCoast just a glancing blow.

**In the next issue of the Neighb News:** The 1944 Hurricane at the height of WW II devastated ships in The Atlantic drowning hundreds of sailors including a ship sunk with all hands off Cuttyhunk. A US Navy sailor from Fairhaven recalls his ordeal on board a destroyer escort in the middle of the storm.

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## FINCOM: cont'd from page 4

the Town Meeting without having to go through the Selectboard if they wished.

Finally, Mr. Fernandes had put together the framework for a possible Capital Improvement Program (CIP) committee as allowed under Mass. General Law 41 Section 106B. A CIP committee as proposed would be comprised of Town Meeting members and representatives of the school committee, BPW, and Town Hall.

They would be tasked with prioritizing capital expenditures in excess of \$500,000 and would make recommendations to FinCom. FinCom members could serve on this committee, as it would be an ad hoc appointment.

Mr. Roderiques was skeptical that a CIP committee would work better than Town Meeting in determining how money should be spent. Ms. Szala disagreed, citing the short ten-day period that members have to review the budget book. And she wanted to know whether both sides of an issue could be put in the budget book.

"Before I was on [FinCom], I didn't

know the Rec Center was running in the red," she said. "A lot of people assume it's breaking even."

But Mr. Roderiques said that members should be paying attention to the budget process beginning in January. He suggested FinCom could begin sending departments a budget request sooner than October to get the budget done more quickly.

To that end, they voted to meet in September 15, 2011 to start the process all over again.

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*Theodore Roosevelt, 1907*

## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Gina & Keith Moniz 70 Elm Avenue Plat 14, Lot 135 Book 5444, Page 244  
198-22-4 Short 3' of the required 5' setback for an Accessory Structure.
2. Marilyn G. McMahon 22 Little-neck Road Plat 43A, Lot 159-160 Book 124, Page 66 Certificate #21845  
198-18 Short 5' and 18' of the required 30' front setback on a corner lot in a RR District.
3. Bernard J. Ristuccia 24 Nelson Avenue Plat 43, Lot 37-38 Book 9498, Page 120  
198-18 Short 9' of the required 30' front setback, short 17' of the required 20' side setback, short 13' of the required 30' rear setback and 10% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all within an RR District.

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Wednesday	6	0004	1241	0541*	1806
Thursday	7	0057	1335	0627	1911
Friday	8	0153	1431	0721	2036
Saturday	9	0251	1531	0824	2206
Sunday	10	0353	1635	0930	2313
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Wednesday	13	----	----	1127	----
Thursday	14	0659	1930	0100	1220
Friday	15	0751	2018	0145	1310
Saturday	16	0839	2104	0225	1400
Sunday	17	0925	2148	0300	1447
Monday	18	1010	2232	0332	1531
Tuesday	19	1054	2314	0404	1614
Wednesday	20	1137	2355	0438	1656
Thursday	21	1219	0513	0513	1739

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

- In other business:
- Mr. Hobson asked that the Highway division mow the grass at the old community center on Scoticut Neck Road, as it was two feet high.
  - Mr. Riley noted that the Board had received a request for a wedding at Fort Phoenix. The board approved the request 5-0.
  - Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick asked that the Board award an emergency bid on slip-lining the pipe at Sycamore Street in the amount of \$45,900 to National Water Main Cleaning Corp. The Board voted 5-0 to approve.
  - The board approved, 4-0 (Mr. Freitas was absent for this vote), two engineering service agreements with GCG Associates to perform inspection services for Arsene Way business bays and for work done by Integrated Machine at 129 Alden Road.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 7/5, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Boat Ramps

Tues., 7/5, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 7/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Wed., 7/6, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Building Committee

Thurs., 6/30, FHS Library, 6:00

### School Committee

Wed., 6/27, FHS Library, 6:30

### Selectboard

Tues., 7/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 7/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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# ConCom addresses access mess at Seaport

By Anne Fenton

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its 6/20 meeting, The Fairhaven Conservation Commission heard mostly complaints from abutters about the Seaport Inn and Marina's plans for its waterfront property at 110 Middle Street.

The Seaport initially filed a two issue Notice of Intent (NOI). Don Nagel, an attorney representing the Seaport, removed the "After the Fact" filing for a 30'x 60' temporary tent within an AE E1 05 flood zone from the NOI. Bill Madden, GAF Engineering, presented the remaining portion of the NOI for consideration.

Also present at the meeting, but not speaking, was Seaport Inn Function Manager Joseph Morra, who is also a member of both the Fairhaven Planning Board and Appeals Board. He videotaped the meeting.

The request included the reconfiguration of 936 square feet of floating timber dock that is included in a 3,700 square foot floating dock already authorized by the Department of Environmental Protection. The license was issued in 2005, to a previous owner, but was not brought before the ConCom.

Mr. Madden said that the Seaport wants to develop an access point from the Inn to the existing floating dock without having to use the abutment at Bridge Street.

The town owns the abutment, which is at the very end of Bridge Street, and a small ramp on the north side. Historically, the Inn attached its docks to the abutment and paid a fee to lease the space for that purpose.

The town and the inn have been in negotiations about the terms of the lease for the past three years.

Without the lease for the pier, the Seaport requires another means of access to the Marina so it can stay in business, according to Mr. Madden.

"This is part of a settlement agreement with DEP," said Mr. Madden. "They wanted us to submit a reconfiguration plan."

He added that the Seaport does not want to engage in a series of leases that they have had in the past., but Mr. Nagel said that the inn is still negotiating with the town for use of the abutment.

According to town counsel Thomas P. Crotty, he sent a letter to the ConCom on behalf of the Selectboard clarifying that the inn can not block access to town waters if they are not paying to lease the abutment.

The new dock system, as proposed,

would block access to the small ramp on the north side, and would also block the town's, and therefore the public's riparian rights to the channel. The proposal would link the finger docks on the north and south sides by crossing in front of the abutment on the west.

"What it comes down to is that the town would like more money based on market value and they want to protect their right of use and the Seaport needs to maintain some kind of right...as well," said ConCom Chairperson Andrew Jones.

Mr. Jones expressed his concern after speaking with people at DEP that the Seaport needs to maintain public access to the landing area.

When asked if the present gangway would be removed, Mr. Madden said that it would not be removed until the next phase of the project. He also stated that the boat ramp has a relatively limited useful purpose and that the DEP told him it was to be used for car top launching of canoes and kayaks.

Mr. Nagel indicated that the Seaport is not required to provide any more access

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than the car top boater and that they are within their legal obligations.

Mr. Jones said that the Town owns the property and they should be able to say what it is used for. He also said someone attempting to use the town's boat ramp might not be able to launch a boat with that gangway there.

Mr. Nagel said the Inn wants to open the Marina with the approvals that they need now while keeping the Town's wishes in mind. The Seaport's long-term plan is to put in a more extensive fixed pier. In the short term, the Seaport would like to construct a 30' gangway down to an 8x75' section of floating dock, connecting to a 4x20 floating dock, connecting to a 4x64 floating dock to tie in the existing dock system allowing access for the boaters at the Marina.

"Not having copies of the plans or agreements with DEP is concerning to me," said ConCom member Cora Peirce. "Not knowing the history of this property

and the water, I am in such a haze when it comes to what is going on in other parts of the town with other committees. I just know that there is a lot of concern about it...to whose benefit is it, to the public for access or just for business to have access for their business and not for the rest of the public who can't afford to launch their boats from you."

Mr. Madden stated that part of DEP's agreement with the Seaport was the requirement to have seven public transient slips, a pump-out station for the Harbormaster, and a slip for the Harbormaster's use. He also said that there is public access from Route 6 and to the end of the property as part of the license. Mr. Nagel said that they are fulfilling their legal requirements.

Mr. Jones said the committee had letters from town counsel and the Harbormaster with concerns about public access.

He said, "If you are going to build that dock, that gangway comes down."

Abutter Ruy DaSilva of Artistic Autobody provided photos showing the blocked boat ramp with broken up docks. He said there are three piers in the waterway that are supposed to be removed and a waterfront walkway is supposed to go across the property that will lead to a loss of parking spaces.

Mr. DaSilva indicated that it will cause additional problems for him and his property. He also stated there are barriers for the tent blocking the boat ramp.

Mr. Nagel said that they are complying with the DEP and he did not want to take up the time of the Commission with those issues.

Mr. DaSilva pointed out that what happens at the Seaport affects his property.

"They are going to expand the marina and they don't have the parking now," said Mr. DaSilva. "I deal with the overflow; I deal with the bottles, the cars, the urination, and the vandalism. I deal with the cops. There is no respect for my property at all."

Mr. Jones suggested that for issues with Chapter 91 Mr. DaSilva contact the DEP directly.

Jerry Bettencourt, Jerry's, Auto & Cycle Service at 86 Middle St., said that he has used the boat ramp in the past to launch a Zodiac with a 15 horse motor at high tide, and "there is no way that you could get under a gangway with an inflatable with an outboard motor, plus it

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# Doggie Deck could be allowed

By Anne Fenton

## Neighb News Correspondent

Lori Shubert and nine friends attended the Fairhaven Board of Health meeting on June 27 to further discuss a dog-friendly Narragansett Star Café. Health Agent Patricia Fowle summarized her research in communities discovering that although a website listed seven as dog-friendly, the Boards of Health in those communities did not know about it.

The one exception was Provincetown, granting a number of variances allowing dogs at outdoor restaurants.

Ms. Fowle received information from Department of Public Health Director Michael Moore with an interpretation of the federal and state food code stating that the code is the minimum standard but the local BOH is the authority to "waive anything that it wishes as long as good public health and the safety and welfare of individuals is not sacrificed as part of that."

Ms. Shubert asked if her dog could be on the property while waiting for the BOH's decision. Board Member Jeannine Lopes told Ms. Shubert that, "the rule hasn't changed as of yet and

we have to abide by the law until we can work this out. I know it will break your heart."

Ms. Lopes said the dog could not be in the building and reminded Ms. Shubert that Ms. Fowle had given her specific information as to where the dog is allowed.

"He needs to be tied up and not anywhere food is served until you apply for the variance and we work together to get you what you need as long as you are compliant with us," said Ms. Lopes.

Ms. Shubert said that she would submit the variance request on Tuesday, June 28.

In another matter, a tobacco sales compliance check on June 18 found a quarter of Fairhaven's stores selling cigarettes to minors including Antil's, Connolly's Liquor Mart, Jackson's Variety, Stop & Shop's gas station, and Walgreen's. All were issued fines.

At its next meeting on July 11 the board will discuss the next campaign to band cigarette sales at health care institutions, primarily stores with in-store pharmacies. In Boston many pharmacies have stopped selling cigarettes without repercussion.

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noted on page 4 under Fairhaven Selectboard Meeting of June 20th, that the housing authority had not complied with the required 30 day notice to the Selectmen of a vacancy on the Housing Authority Board thereby negating the Selectboard working directly with the Housing Authority to fill the vacated position. It has since been clarified with the Selectboard that the notification was received and date stamped within the required time frame. The Housing Authority looks forward to working cooperatively with the Selectboard to fill the vacancy, based on response from the Town of those interested in serving, at a joint meeting of both Boards.

Respectfully Submitted, Jay Simmons

## Roadwork announced

Beginning July 11th, roadwork will resume on Howland Road spanning from the Coggeshall Street Bridge to the intersection of Howland Road and Main Street. The work will consist of removing the current road surface and replacing it with several inches of fill and fresh asphalt. Traffic is expected to be reduced to one or two lanes and backups are expected. Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes during their travels; especially during rush hour. This phase of the construction is expected to last at least three weeks.



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is a hazard, and I say 'no!'"

Jim Hebert of the Acushnet River Safe Boating Club at 80 Middle Street, which has the pier next to the rented town pier, asked for a copy of a plan to review. He said he did not know how it will affect their waterway issues now, and there is supposed to be 50' of clear waterway at the end of the Seaport marina and the Club's pier and it is very close.

Mr. Jones referred Mr. Hebert to the DEP to discuss this Chapter 91 issue.

Abutter Joanne Moniz, 92 Middle St., asked if the tent would not be used this summer. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Nagel if the tent will be subject to a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) at another time and he said that the Seaport is "not putting it before the commission at this time."

Ms. Moniz asked if that meant that there would not be a tent this summer and Mr. Nagel replied, "No I am not saying that."

Mr. Jones said that the ConCom had "approved the tent in the past, unknowingly in the wrong area.

"My personal opinion on the matter is that we already approved a tent, now we are moving it into a jurisdictionally proper area. I don't particularly see the reason why we would not be able to approve a tent again," said Mr. Jones.

Ms. Moniz asked where the proper area is and Mr. Jones made it clear that the tent is not part of the NOI but it was the location where the tent was most recently erected. He asked why the tent was taken down recently and was told that it received wind damage.

Mr. DaSilva stated that where the tent is now blocks the boat ramp.

Mr. Jones said "that is where Chapter 91 wanted it to go, but it came back in front of the Seaport that they didn't have a building permit or a valid order for the movement so we are at the point where we cannot allow it without a permit."

Mr. Jones wrapped up the NOI discussion by saying, "My issue is access to the water. I want to look into that more."

He said he would like to see a written contingency plan to have the gangway on the western end of the stone pier removed while the Seaport is finishing the reconfiguration of the floats.

Mr. Nagel asked if that would be made a Special Condition (SC) and Mr. Jones

said he would prefer to see it done voluntarily.

In a follow up conversation, Mr. Jones said, "I look at bringing someone into compliance rather than paying fines because the money can be invested in the project rather than paying fines."

Mr. Jones said that the Con Com will not make a decision until comments are received from DEP. Ms. Peirce made a motion for an onsite visit and the commission approved it for July 10th. Member Logan Wood and Associate Members Jeanne Van Orman and Joseph Taylor were absent for the vote.

At one point in the discussion about the Seaport, ConCom member Jay Simmons stated that Mr. Bettencourt had a question for the ConCom.

Mr. Bettencourt said "I want to see you later on, that's my question for you."

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Mr. Simmons replied, "Is that a threat Mr. Bettencourt?"

Mr. Bettencourt answered, "No, I would like to see you though."

Mr. Jones interjected, "Let's not get into this line of stuff here."

After the meeting adjourned that discussion was taken outside into the first floor hallway and became rather loud.

When contacted later, Mr. Simmons declined to discuss what the argument was about, saying it had nothing to do with Conservation Commission business and was a misunderstanding about an unrelated conversation.

Mr. Simmons told the *Neighb News* that he would prefer to spend his energy supporting the boards that he is involved in and various non-profit organizations in town than spend time defending himself against something that he did not say.

In another matter, the commission received a complaint from Lucile Hildreth, at 418 Huttleston Ave., claiming that

abutters are dumping refuse on her property. Mr. Jones suggested calling the police and posting signs.

Ms. Hildreth said she understood that she could not cut or clear anything on her property due to wetlands regulations. She said she can not get to the location to post signs because of all the trash, lawn clippings, etc. that have been dumped on a 400' long stone wall for over the past 32 years.

There is no frontage on her back lot to gain access to post the signs without cutting some vegetation.

She said there are five abutters and three of them are throwing their trash, drug paraphernalia, and animal droppings along her wall.

There is also possibly a destroyed septic system and an overflow pipe that is active again in that area, and a concrete culvert has been built allowing the rainwater to run onto Ms. Hildreth's property.

Mr. Jones suggested that Ms. Hildreth complete the paperwork for an RDA and take a plan of action to a ConCom hearing in the future. The ConCom cannot authorize the cutting of anything on the property until after a site visit on July 10.

The ConCom also received a letter from Michael Rhodes at 14 Summit Drive to have the ConCom issue a Order of Conditions for a replication of a wetlands where a house was built and the wetland was built in 2004.

A site visit was made and progress reports should have been submitted for two years, after the growing seasons, to make sure that the replication was done correctly.

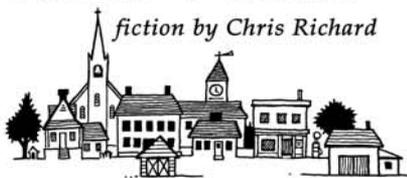
Mr. Jones said that the building was erected in an area that the ConCom would not have wanted it to be built and the Order of Conditions was not followed, it has been out of compliance since 2006.

Mr. Jones suggested that a wetlands specialist be hired to review the wetlands replication to make sure that the plants are appropriate. The appropriate forms need to be submitted to the ConCom.

- In other business the commission
- Approved a Certificate of Compliance for the Skipper Realty Trust, located at 110 Middle Street, for an Order issued on December 28, 2009 for a bulkhead that was built.
  - Received a letter of resignation from member Carol Tyson.

## The report from Potter's Point

*fiction by Chris Richard*



Well, not an awful lot went on in Potter's Point last month except for the tour of Potter's Point High School that was given by Janice Starboard on the weekend of Sidewalk Sales Day.

The current high school is the second one in the town's history. The first one got washed out to sea in a great gale in 1869. The School Committee put off building a new one for thirty-one years, maintaining that grades nine through twelve were not absolutely necessary for a well-rounded education. Finally, a new Potter's Point High School opened in 1900. Since then a small class of seniors has graduated each June except for 1944. That year the twenty boys in the class had all gone off to fight the war. The twenty-two girls were deemed smart enough that they didn't need to bother going to class. Instead, they skipped a year and got down to the business of starting the Baby Boom.

Potter's Point High, affectionately referred to as Ol' Pee Pee, is not a particularly attractive specimen of architecture—a hulking yellow brick building looking something like a cross between a county courthouse and a storage warehouse—but its alumni hold it dear to their hearts. A few years ago enough folks were smitten by nostalgia to merit opening the place up for a tour.

Janice Starboard, best known for guiding historical tours dressed like an 18th century quahogger's wife, put together a program full of interesting facts, lore and a dash of rumor. She pointed out the spot on the basketball court where William-Bradford "Brad" Bradford Jr. stood when he made the winning shot at the buzzer in the game against South Eastport High, finally giving the Puritans a season with more wins than losses. She pointed out the dark stains on the floor of the wood shop that appeared at the moment in '56 when shop teacher Waldron "Three Fingers" Dottle got his nickname. She tells about the odd sounds and flickering lights that sometimes emanate from the building at night and how some folks think it's the spirit of a

long-dead custodian who returns to mop the floors during full moons and how others think that Mrs. Radcliff keeps forgetting to turn off the DVD player in the music room.

More than Janice Starboard's stories, though, people enjoy the tours of the high school because they can relive their own memories. Prudence Worthy remembers the exact desk at which she was sitting when she opened the first love note Bill sent her. Bill Worthy will never forget the exact feeling he had when he saw Prudence open that note he had intended to pass to Barbie Bucket. Former high school cheerleader and wife of retired state representative Brad Bradford Jr., Barbie (Buckett) Bradford has no memories of high school.

This year when Ellen Marie Spooner toured Ol' Pee Pee in order to cover the story for the Hope Falls Daily-Crier, she knew she'd see Alf Arbutus there. He seemed to be everywhere lately. Ellen Marie wasn't sure if it was because he happened to be involved in more newsworthy events around town lately or if he was purposely showing up at places where he knew she would be.

The tour group was in the gym and Prudence Worthy was upstaging Janice Starboard by gushing about romantic senior proms when Ellen Marie spotted Alf. She thought about their own promless prom night. Her stupid cousin—a last minute prom date—had shown up drunk and Alf, dateless himself, had come over to her house to console her. They had ended up eating Oreos and playing Chutes and Ladders the way they had the very first time Alf had come over when they were in fourth grade. She sighed. Almost fifteen years they'd known each other. In some ways they were almost like a comfortably married couple. Except for one thing. Every time she looked at Alf she could see that nine-year-old boy who had dipped her hair in chocolate pudding. There was a very good possibility that they had been "just friends" for so long that it would be impossible to move beyond that.

"Hey."

"Hey."

Alf scratched his nose. "Um... Is there some journalistic rule that requires you to, like, remain at least forty feet away from me now that I'm an activist with Save The Point?"

"This is about three feet."

"And it's the closest together we've been since you have been back in town with this new newspaper job. When we

were in school we used to be squeezed under the stairway over there reciting that French poem about the fox and the crow."

"Alf..." Ellen Marie grabbed his arm and pulled him away from the tour group, down the corridor and around a corner. "Alf, have you ever tried to imagine us...you know...engaging in The Act?"

"Do you mean imagining it ever or just within the last ten minutes?"

Ellen Marie expelled a breath, "Men... are such..."

"Jerks. I know. But sometimes they're not the kind of jerk you're thinking."

Alf leaned against the wall and crossed his arms. "In fourth grade I liked you for three reasons," he said. "You were smart, cute, and you seemed to like me back. And then you got cuter, and smarter. And thoughtful. And loyal. And fun. And funny. And about a thousand other things. And as years go by do you stop getting better and better? No. So you are the most awesome friend a person could have. You're not just the greatest girl in the class or in Potter's Point. There's nobody in the whole world that's as great as you. So, yeah. I thought about doing more than just sharing a hot fudge sundae at Pru's Pastime. But you know what? I was a jerk. Because I had the idea that letting that kind of feeling show would make you want to stay away from me. So I was a good boy and never acted on the 'naughty' thoughts. For too long... And now you want to stay away from me..."

Ellen Marie Spooner blinked. From somewhere down the corridor she could hear the voice of Janice Starboard talking about how people can become so familiar with a building and yet completely overlook some very significant details. She looked at Alf.

"Wow," she said. She leaned closer. "Would you like to come over for Oreos?"

"Oreos are not what I want," said Alf.

"Good. I'm all out of Oreos."

That's the Report from Potter's Point for this month. Hope to see you soon!

*EDITORS'S NOTE: The imaginary town of Potter's Point is located in the southeastern part of Massachusetts, on the shore of Butler's Bay. Its primary industries are cranberry growing, boat building and quahogging.*

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