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

Teddy bears invade center of Fairhaven



Hundreds of teddy bears, converged upon the center of Fairhaven on Wednesday morning, 8/10, for the annual Teddy Bear Parade. The event signals the end of the summer reading program sponsored by the Millicent Library. After the parade, participants were treated to games on the lawn of the Unitarian Church at the corner of Green and Walnut Streets, across the street from the library. ABOVE: children, teddy bears, and their adults file past Our Lady's Haven on Center Street as residents gather on the porch to watch. See page 16 for story. Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com Visit us on Facebook to see more photos of this event.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, we had an interesting week in Fairhaven.

Our new Public Works Superintendent started on Monday and met with a wild BPW meeting that same night. See page 17 for the story.

Welcome to Fairhaven, Mr. Furtado.

We also have coverage on an Appeals Board meeting and a Conservation Commission meeting, both on page 12. At the ConCom meeting, summer resident Claudia Martin spoke about some issues she's having at her waterfront property (see page 13 for that).

Ms. Martin has been agitating behind the scenes for a long time claiming that Selectboard member Brian Bowcock has abused his authority by interfering in an ongoing dispute Ms. Martin has with her neighbors.

Various aspects of the dispute have made the papers over the last couple of years. The dispute revolves around beach access and an easement to the water that runs alongside Ms. Martin's house.

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding....I'll bet thousands of bells just went off in the heads of those reading this. Beach access in Massachusetts: there are not a whole lot of things on God's green earth that are more volatile or more complicated or more impossible to deal with.

The dispute with the neighbors is even worse. Maybe, if I ever get to the bottom of it, I'll write about it. Meanwhile, it's because Ms. Martin has not been allowed to appear in front of the Selectboard that I am addressing the issue.

First, I'm not saying a selectboard member can't help out when people call with a problem. If he did NOT respond, we'd be slamming him for that. As a resident, he also has a right to weigh in on any issue in town, just like anyone else. Whether or not his involvement rises to some level that is beyond the scope of his authority is another matter. Ms. Martin thinks so and has reported the behavior to numerous agencies, both local and state, more than once. No agency has yet filed any charges.

Dr. Bowcock asserts that he has simply helped his constituents with a problem when they asked.

What I'm concerned about is that a resident is not allowed to go in front of the Selectboard to air her complaints.

The letter the board sent states that they believe it is not appropriate for them to hear the complaints she has filed with those various agencies. In the letter, they tell her to forward her complaints to town counsel, who will review them and advise the board.

Dr. Bowcock's reasoning for not letting Ms. Martin in front of the board is that residents should not be allowed to make all kinds of wild accusations that might include slander, etc. He said the public does not have a right to go in front of the board to say just anything.

"You're not allowed to do that," said Dr. Bowcok. "It's

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CORRECTIONS

In our July 21 story on the BPW meeting of 6/27, we wrote that the board voted to pay the wrong contract. It was WES Construction that was approved for payment. We apologize for any confusion our error caused.

Letter cont'd

disruptive to the process. The first thing the chairman does is protect [board] members.”

Mr. Silvia, who is the chair of the board, said he does not think it is appropriate to let her speak because she has strongly implied that she is bringing legal action against the town. He said her attorney should contact their attorney, “which is what you do in situations where there may be a legal issue.”

Okay, I'll buy that, but I still don't like it.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty told the *Neighb News* that the reason he advised the board not to let her appear in front of them is that they have no jurisdiction in the matter.

He said her accusations against Dr. Bowcock have nothing to do with the board. If his behavior rises to some level that is unethical or illegal, there is no mechanism for the Fairhaven Selectboard to do anything about it, so there is no point of going before them. He said there are other avenues for her to pursue.

Of course, lucky me, one of those avenues is the press.

I admit, I'm torn on this one. I have a newspaper; I get letters that I am not able to print sometimes because the accusations in them are too wild. So, I get that part. But I'm not a government entity. My obligation is to the truth and to my readers, not to the voters. No one elected me. I'm a private entity.

I think the responsibility of an elected body is different. Tell me what you think. I'm listening.

Until next week then...



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Free Concerts

LAST ONE OF THE SEASON

The Fairhaven Improvement Association will again provide its free concert series "Concerts Under the Stars" Thursdays at 7 p.m. from now through August 11. Concerts are presented in front of the Fairhaven Town Hall. Attendees are encouraged to take blankets or chairs for seating on the Library lawn. In the case of rain, the concert WILL be held in the Town Hall Auditorium. Balloons and doggie treats are provided by Southern Mass Credit Union. Come join us for a pleasant evening 's entertainment!

AUG. 11: Billy Couto & The After Hours Band. Billy and the boys are here for you to sing and play "that great old music of the 40's and 50's that you can dance to. Sponsored By: Fairhaven Lumber & SMCU

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. Stop by to support the market and purchase local produce. We are delighted to have many of the same returning farmers this season, along with some new faces for the market.

FHS Class of 1950

The Class of 1950 will have a table at the **Farmer's Market on 8/14**. Visit their and check out their spring bulb supply, as the 1950 alums prepare to celebrate their stained glass window project in the Spring of 2012.

Farm Day at Farmer's Market

On Sunday, August 21st, along with the regular weekly farmers market in Fairhaven we will add Farm Day. The market will run the regular hours from 1-4 pm on the lawn of Fairhaven High School but we will add many other special additions.

Stop by and check out tractors, milk trucks, & old farm equipment on this special FARM DAY at the Market. We will also have live animals joining us this day!

While you are shopping you can visit with the antique tractors, milk trucks and other fun farm equipment. Entertainment and games for kids

and music will also be provided.

For more information or questions please contact Ann Richard 1-508-991-8315 or ann.richard@gmail.com

Cruizin' night

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

Friday, August 12. 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sullivan Tire

For more Information Call John Medeiros, 508-951-2128; www.northfairhaven.org

West Island Has Talent

On August 20 from 8-11 p.m. the West Island Improvement Association is hosting a West Island Has Talent night at the Community Center, 40 Causeway Road. Accessible.

There will be a DJ for those who need back-up music. Cost to attend and help vote for the winners is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Any contestants should contact Louise Merrick at 508-990-1235 in order to compete. Leave your name and phone number. Competitors should be West Island residents/property owners.

Yard Sale FR

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 347 Main St., North Fairhaven will hold its annual yard sale, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 20, from 9-4. The kitchen menu will include stuffed cabbage and corn on the cob.

Donations for the yard sale are being accepted on Thursdays from 10-2 during Book Cafe hours. Any questions, please call 508-991-8596.

Not accessible.

Tennis Tourney

The Fairhaven Tennis Association will be holding the second Annual Al Dellecese Junior Tennis Tournament on **Saturday and Sunday, August 20-21 at Hastings Middle School and Cushman Park**. This will be an Open Boys and Girls Singles Tournament with 2 Divisions: 14 and Under and 18 and Under. Each division will have 2 sections: Intermediate and Advanced.

For more information and to download a registration form please

visit: <http://www.fairhaventennis.org/tournaments/southcoastopen>

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Walking Tours

Henry Huttleston Rogers Tour

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Starts at Visitors Center, 43 Center St., Fairhaven. This tour outlines the life of Fairhaven's benefactor, Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers (1840-1909) and his generosity to his home town. The tour includes visits inside two of the Rogers buildings — the Town Hall and the Millicent Library — as well as exterior viewing of Rogers' boyhood home, the Unitarian Memorial Church, Our Lady's Haven, Rogers School and the Masonic Building.

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free. Tour is repeated each Tuesday and Thursday through September. For more information: 508-979-4085.

Ft. Phoenix Minuteman Tour

Thursdays 2:00 p.m. Starts at Fort Phoenix flagpole Fort St., Fairhaven

Listen to an authentically dressed colonial militiaman tell stories of the history of Fort Phoenix from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War. Then watch him unpack his haversack and blanket roll to explain the equipment and supplies that a militia volunteer had to carry with him when on alert and learn about 18th-Century dental and medical practices. This tour is interesting to children as well as adults.

Tour includes flintlock musket firing demonstration. Tour lasts about 60 minutes. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Free. For more information: 508-979-4085 or email Fairhaventours@aol.com.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Concerts

Summertime is the best time to enjoy free entertainment in your local national park! Yankee Notions will perform traditional and contemporary music of New England in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, downtown New Bedford, on **Thursday evening, August 11, from 6:30 to 7:15 PM as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. Then, on Saturday, August 13, from 12 noon-2 PM**, Phil Szhener will demonstrate sea chest building in the garden, while Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, offer hands-on crafts for children.

The Saturday afternoon activities are part of the park's Maritime Heritage series. The concerts and maritime crafts are offered free each week at the park through August.

Yankee Notions offers audiences a variety of musical experiences. Whether it's an old song in praise of the farmer's life, a rollicking sea chantey, tandem telling of a tall tale, toe-tapping dance tunes, or a recent song about the character and characters of New England, Yankee Notions promises to "please the ear, enrich the mind, and warm the heart."

AHA Night

Join us on AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford! **On August 11th we'll be Making Waves** throughout the Downtown as we celebrate the #1 Port in the United States, our love of the water, summer sounds & a whole lot more. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org/ for complete listing of events.

AHA! Night highlights include:

- Navigating the #1 Fishing Port in the Nation: Cruise the New Bedford Harbor with Port Officials Aboard a Whaling City Expeditions Vessel
- Scallop Celebration @ the NB Whaling Museum! Author's Talk & Book Signing for *Scallops: a New England Coastal Cookbook*; *Scallops on the Plaza: a Cooking Demonstration with Chef Henry Bousquet*
- William Street Art on the Block Party! Presented by the Cummings Building Artists & Dream Out Loud; Brazilian Music, DJ Set & Transient Authority; Art and Fashion Showcase with Live Painting; Journey

Dance with Artworks!, Yoga on Union & Riff Parade • Back by Popular Demand! NB Ocean Explorium & Friends Present a Science Street Fair • Grand Opening for NEW AHA! Partner For Veda Boutique • Performances by the SouthCoast Children's Theatre • Seismology Presentation @ the R-J-D House & Garden Museum • Maritime Music with Yankee Notions in the National Park Garden • ERG Machine Rowing Race with NB Community Rowing • Making Waves with the Buzzards Bay Coalition • Whaleboat Rowing in the Harbor with Whaling City Rowing • Musical Magic with Mostly Mikes @ Cork Wine & Tapas • Rose Alley Ale House Presents the Strong Arm Challenge • Downtown Farmer's Market @ the NB Public Library • Reading & Book Signing with Author Dawn Tripp of "Game of Secrets" @ NBAM • The Summer Tradition Continues! Centre Street Sessions Presents the Too Human Band • You'll never guess "Who's Coming!" Zeiterion 2011-2012 Season Kickoff Party! • Eat. Art. AHA! Food Photo Contest: Show Us What's on Your Plate & Win Big • We Art NB! NEW Shows, *NEW Galleries, & Artist Demos: Artworks!, Crowell's Fine Art, Gallery 65 on William, Gallery X, Judith Klein Art Gallery, OKOarts, Paradise McFee Gallery, UGLYgallery, & more!

New Bedford Film in 6 languages

Speak Portuguese? German? Spanish? No problem. Visitors coming to New Bedford and locals alike can now view New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's orientation film, "The City That Lit the World," in six languages at the park's visitor center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. New headsets offer the audio track in the languages above as well as French, and Japanese. There is no cost to borrow the headsets; visitors need only ask the staff for them.

The film is shown seven days a week, on the hour, from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM. The film lasts twenty-two minutes, and gives brief history of how whaling came to be the driving economic force in this city and in the country for many decades,

and how that business is reflected in New Bedford today.

Polish Fest

Music, food, fun! Sunday, 8/14 starting with mass at 11 a.m. at Saint Lawrence Martyr Parish, 565 County Street, New Bedford.

Music: various musicians including Rising Momentum, New Bedford Idol, Shenanigans.

Food: Take a trip around the world and enjoy delicious tastes of various ethnic cultures. In addition to American food, enjoy Cape Verdean food and Polish specialties (Pierogi, Golabki, Keilbasa, Polish Torpedos, Polish Pastry).

Fun: Raffle and silent auction; children's events, games, face painting.

All proceeds from this event will go towards organizations that help the hungry.

Sponsored by St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. For more information or ways to help call 508-525-0660.

Free Vascular

Southcoast Hospitals Group announces free vascular screenings through September 1. The non-invasive screenings are performed by a trained nurse and take approximately 20 minutes. Patients should arrive 15 minutes prior to screening time.

The free vascular screenings are open to both men and women. Appointments are required and can be requested by calling the numbers listed below. Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. No walk-ins will be accepted on screening days.

The screening details are as follows:

- The New Bedford Hotel, 725 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, on Tuesday, August 16. Appointments will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please call 508-991-6301 to schedule an appointment.

Southcoast offers a full range of endovascular services to both diagnose and treat vascular disease. The hospitals offer the very latest technology — including minimally invasive procedures — along with the expertise of highly trained surgeons, nurses and technologists.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Golf Tourney

The Diocesan Health Facilities Fourth Annual Golf Classic will be held on August 29, 2011 at LeBaron Hills Country Club in Lakeville, MA.

The day begins at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine, with registration and pick up of box lunches. Shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m., with a "Florida Style Scramble" format. There are great raffles, terrific prizes for best drives and scores. Fee includes lunch, green fees, cart, golf gift, locker rooms, refreshments and buffet.

All proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Health Facilities, a non-profit skilled nursing and rehabilitative care health system serving over 900 residents and clients in southeastern Mass. The Diocesan Health Facilities are 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organizations, and the cost of goods and services provided is available upon request.

Please contact the Diocesan Health Facilities Office at 508-679-8154 for additional information or to make a donation. Printable registration forms are available at www.dhfo.org.

Clambake

Join the Friends of Smith Neck Meeting under the tent for an **old Fashioned New England Clambake beginning with homemade chowder on Saturday August 13**. Beginning at 1:30 pm the Clambake is a tradition at Smith Neck Meeting that has continued for three decades.

Volunteers start an enormous fire of wood and rocks about 8:30 in the morning. Other members grind quahogs for the chowder, make the stuffing and place fresh fish into bags. The clams are washed tenderly and then everything is bagged together and placed in wooden crates and baked over the fire.

Come early and see the steam billowing out from underneath the wet tarps as the rockweed crackles on red hot rocks. This is not just a feast of clams with all the trimmings; it is a dining event.

Ways and Means sponsors a bake sale and Friends will have for sale two Cats Meow collector's items illustrating Apponegansett Meeting House and Smith Neck Meeting House.

Clambake tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. For reservations call Anne Lopoulos at

508-994-5816. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is located at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O Dundee Road, Dartmouth.

Theatre by the Sea

Introduce your children to the magic of live theatre this summer at Theatre By The Sea! The 2011 Children's Festival features a wide variety of performances, which are held on select Fridays at 10:00 am and 12 noon. Before or after the show, families are invited to enhance their theatre experience by bringing a picnic lunch to consume on the property, while enjoying the lush seaside gardens maintained by Dana Designs, which contain over 300 varieties of perennials, grasses, shrubs and climbing plants, offering a magical environment for flower lovers of all ages. Refreshments will also be available for purchase at the gazebo.

This week's performance is:

August 12: Hudson Vagabond Puppets present Beatrix Potter Tales

Giant puppets dance and act in narrated ballets to two of Beatrix Potter's most beloved stories. The Tale of *Jemima Puddle-Duck* is about an absent-minded duck, who takes flight on a fine spring day in search of a place to lay her eggs. She is very much impressed with a mysterious, handsome, foxy-whiskered stranger who convinces her to lay her eggs in his shed. An honest collie and two rowdy foxhound puppies save the day. In *The Story of A Fierce Bad Rabbit*, the audience gets involved with a chorus of cheers and boos as the Fierce Bad Rabbit and the Nice Gentle Rabbit argue over the ownership of a carrot.

Single tickets are \$10.00 each with packages of three shows or more for \$8.00 per ticket. Discount rates are available for groups of 20 or more by calling (401) 782-3800 x18.

Theatre By The Sea is located at 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, RI. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, online 24-hours-a-day at www.theatrebythesea.com and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling 401-782-TKTS (8587).

Forest Tours

Professional foresters and wildlife

biologists from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will host a series of 11 tours this summer and fall to discuss state forestry and wildlife habitat management practices. DCR will host three public tours. DFG's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) will host eight public tours on the Commonwealth's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).

Two DCR tours will take participants through forested areas harvested for the purposes of watershed management, timber production as well as forest and wildlife habitat diversity. A third DCR tour will feature a small sawmill that produces rough lumber for local home and agricultural uses.

The MassWildlife tours will occur across the entire state and will focus on abandoned agricultural lands that have been reclaimed into shrubland and grassland habitat to support both rare species and other native wildlife species of conservation concern.

The state lands tours will be conducted rain or shine. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and bring bug repellent. For directions to meeting places and descriptions of each site visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/2011/pr2011-8-3.pdf> or visit www.mass.gov/dcr and click on the news & traffic link.

Kids' Cooking Club

Children ages 6 to 12 years old are invited to join the Mattapoissett Library's Kids' Cooking Club, led by Mattapoissett chef and food writer Karen Covey and Marcella Nelson with the help of library staff. The first two sessions will be held Thursday, August 18th and 25th at 4 pm in the meeting room, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoissett, 508-758-4171. Accessible. Future meetings will be held once a month.

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 Dash cinnamon

Cook oats according to package directions in salted boiling water. Stir in apple, walnuts, brown sugar and cinnamon; let stand, covered, for three minutes.

Serve with milk or cream if desired. Makes 2 servings.

Granola Baked Apples

4 cooking apples
 3/4 cup granola cereal
 2 tbsp brown sugar

Core apples. Cut out center of apples to leave a 1/2 inch shell. Chop 1/2 cup apple from the center and reserve. Cut a strip of peel 1/2 inch wide around top of apple.

In medium bowl mix granola, reserved 1/2 cup chopped apple, and brown sugar. Fill scooped out apples. Place in shallow baking dish. Add 1/4 inch water to bottom.

Cover and bake in 350 oven 45 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve with sour cream, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News American Legion Junior Baseball

Acushnet's Junior Legion team did very well in championship tournament at Pope Park last week. They won three games and lost to going to semifinals.

Acushnet lost a heartbreaker to Norwood on Tuesday night, 2-0. Josh Fickert of Apponequet pitched a super game.

Fairhaven's Ryan Baldwin led the hitting with a long double. On Monday Ryan pitched the As to a big 9-3 wind over Franklin. Big sticks were Fickert three-run homer, Josh Cabucio, Eamonn Andre, and Sean Daniels.

Now in its fourth year, Junior Legion Baseball is 16+15 year-olds and a feeder system for the regular legion teams, 17-19 age bracket. Regionals should be in New Bedford this weekend.

Prose on Pros

Pats open up Thursday

Pats coach Bill B. picking up oldie bu goodie free agents!!?

Randy Moss retires, what he going to do now?? Maybe play center field for Mets or be a Monday Night Football analyst, a silent one at that.

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Sox Take Two from Yanks

Big weekend games for first place in American League East. Yanks beat Lester in first game, Sox racked up CC in second game. Mo blew one run Yankee lead in 9th to tie game. Josh Reddick got game winning hit for BoSox for 2-3 win.

Tom Mendell Coach of the Year

Tom was named Coach of the Year for Little East Conference UMassD tennis champions. It was the second time Tom won the award. Tom is a Fairhaven High School Hall of Famer.

Karsten Rathleu of UMD was naed LED Player of the Year.



Ryan Baldwin of Fairhaven at bat for the Acushnet Legion Junior Baseball team at Pope Park last week. Photo courtesy of Bob Duarte

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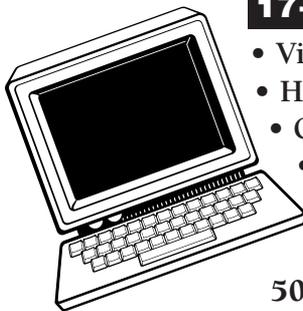
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Appeals board okays hot tub, and addition

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

At its 8/2 regular meeting, the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals held public hearings on two appeals. A third hearing scheduled for that evening was continued while the applicant found a different architect to redesign the project.

But first Chairperson Peter De Terra opened a continued hearing by Steve Economos for property at 46 Church Street. Mr. Economos submitted a letter requesting that his application be withdrawn without prejudice. The Board voted unanimously to accept the withdrawal.

An application by Bernard Ristuccia of 24 Nelson Avenue requesting a number of variances from front, rear, and side yards, as well as a maximum building coverage variance, was continued. Mr. Ristuccia wrote that he needed additional time while his new architect redesigned the plans. The Board voted unanimously to approve the continuance.

An application by Gina and Keith Moniz of 70 Elm Street for two three-foot setbacks in order to place a hot

tub in the rear corner of their lot was approved 4-1. Mr. Moniz presented the request saying that to comply with zoning, the tub would be in the center of the yard because the lot was so small. The zoning set-back is five feet for an accessory structure; the hot tub will be two feet from the property line abutting his neighbor's garage and two feet from a stockade fence at his rear property line. No one spoke in opposition to the application.

In another matter, Marilyn McMahon, 22 Little Neck Road, requested a five-foot variance from a required 30-foot side yard setback and an 18-foot front yard variance in a Rural Residential district on a corner lot. Brian J. McMahon presented the application on behalf of his wife's parents who live at the property.

Mr. McMahon said that the garage and an outbuilding would be demolished on the property. A 16 feet by 12 feet mud room and laundry room would be added to the side necessitating the five-foot setback. The side wall would be extended 16 feet by 6 feet to create a sun room.

Also, his in-laws would like to add a

farmer's porch on the front that would encroach 18 feet into the front yard setback. No one spoke in opposition to the application. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the variances.

After the Board closed the hearing, Associate member Rene Fleurent asked to discuss policy changes that he said he distributed the previous meeting. Mr. De Terra said that the appropriate way to bring material to the Board was by meeting with the chairperson and building commissioner, Wayne Fostin.

Mr. Fleurent disagreed. He said that he wanted to discuss it with the Board, not just with the chairperson.

Mr. De Terra explained several times that there were existing policies in place for the Board's operation and that Mr. Fleurent should first meet with him and Mr. Fostin to review those policies.

Mr. DeTerra also said that it was not on the agenda, and so to discuss it could possibly violate public meeting laws.

He called for a motion to adjourn, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation continues vegetation cut; approves demolition

By Meredith Winnett

Neighb News Correspondent

At its August 8 meeting, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission, granted its approval for demolition of a house, continued two requests, issued an enforcement order, and appointed Chairperson Andrew Jones to be the ConCom's representative on the Community Preservation Committee.

Fernando Lemos of 9 Goulart Memorial Drive appeared before the board seeking permission to remove overgrown and rotted trees from a buffer zone and flood zone. Mr. Lemos had the trees pruned, but told the board he would like to remove them. The commission continued the matter until the 8/22 meeting so they can do a site visit on 8/21.

In another matter, Erin & Jacqueline Rosparica sought a determination to construct a two story addition within the 100' buffer zone to a BVW (Bordering Vegetated Wetlands) at 15 Paul Street.

The three bedroom ranch would receive a 16-foot addition 61 feet from the buffer zone. Chairperson Andrew

Jones made a motion for a negative three determination because the lawn does not seem to change shape. Negative three means the changes will not violate the Wetlands Protection Act.

A notice of intent for landscaping on Seaview was continued to the August 22 meeting. The applicants, Wayne & Nancy Frye, were advised to speak with Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau.

In a rescheduled hearing, Robert and Patricia Fuller requested a determination to demolish a house at 139 Ebony Street and rebuild within a 100-foot buffer zone to BVW.

The ConCom granted a positive 2B on the boundaries and a negative three on work, with the conditions that they return the property to stable conditions and remove equipment daily; the concrete truck must be washed out into the footprint of the house.

A positive 2B means the line has not been reviewed by the commission; but they allowed the project to proceed because it is far enough away from the proposed structure.

In a matter not on the agenda, Frank Budryk of 1 Main Street, appeared before the board to complain that a neighbor constructed a foundation that is causing rain runoff problems for him.

Mr. Fostin explained that the site is a "raw site," and the runoff problems will cease when the site is graded and seeded. Meanwhile, Mr. Budryk can put haybales, etc., to stop the runoff.

Mr. Budryk also wanted clarification on why he had to go before the Conservation Commission to do work on his property, but that neighbor did not. Mr. Jones explained that, although the properties were near each other, the other property was not in a flood zone, whereas Mr. Budryk's is.

The ConCom also issued an enforcement order on the owners of Bella Vista Island. The harbormaster approved a request for a 12x12 float as long as it was not attached to anything. The owners allegedly built a gangway out to the float which is a violation of various ordinance and Chapter 91.

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ConCom to investigate claims of beach grass damage

By Beth David
Editor

Amid claims of being ignored and harassed by public officials, summer resident Claudia Martin addressed the Fairhaven Conservation Commission on Monday, 8/8, about several issues at her waterfront property on Turner Avenue.

Ms. Martin asked the commission to address two issues in particular. She asked the ConCom what she needed to do to be allowed to replace two sheds on her property that she was forced to remove, and she asked the ConCom to investigate violations of beach grass removal and destruction.

Ms. Martin also tried to address accusations she has made against Selectboard member Brian Bowcock, saying he has abused his power as a selectboard member by interfering in the ongoing dispute she has with neighbors over beach access. ConCom chairperson Andrew Jones would not let Ms. Martin address any concerns beyond the purview of the commission.

The conversation got crowded at

times as Ms. Martin tried to address other issues and Mr. Jones tried to get her back on ConCom issues.

Ms. Martin also accused Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin of harassing her by forcing her to remove the sheds and sending her two other letters, one about a fence erected without a permit and one about a rental ad that made claims of more bedrooms than the house has. Mr. Fostin is also the town's building inspector.

In addition to the harassment, Ms. Martin said that Mr. Fostin ignored her and her attorneys and engineers who were trying to address the shed issue. After the meeting, Mr. Fostin said he did respond to her attorneys, but the sheds still had to be removed.

Ms. Martin contends that the sheds had been on her property for years and that Mr. Fostin had seen them many times.

"It doesn't matter," said Mr. Jones. "You didn't have permits."

He said the commission acts when it finds out about a violation and they can not control when that will be.

Mr. Jones explained the process for

getting permission to replace the sheds, but Ms. Martin argued that the sheds had been there for eight years.

"Why don't you have to follow the same rules," asked Mr. Jones. "You did it the wrong way."

"It doesn't matter," said Ms. Martin.

"It does matter," countered Mr. Jones. "You're trying to say that because you had sheds, it's okay to have sheds, which is ludicrous."

He suggested she hire a consultant who could advise her on the process.

Ms. Martin complained that she had to return from California in the middle of winter while she was sick to remove the sheds. She told the commission she collapsed the sheds and left them in a pile on her property. Mr. Jones told her that leaving a pile of debris was just as bad as having the sheds in the first place, as the reason for the regulations was to have the sheds secured on the property. Because it is so close to the ocean, the sheds could be taken away in a storm and cause property damage.

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Teddy bear invasion is peaceful

By Beth David
Editor

Hundreds of teddy bears converged upon the center of Fairhaven on Wednesday morning, 8/10. Accompanied by their children and their adults, the teddy bears marched from the Millicent Library to Our Lady's Haven where residents sat out on the porches to watch. The group then circled back to the lawn of Unitarian church on the corner of Green and Walnut Streets.

The annual parade signals the end of the summer reading program

sponsored by the Millicent. According to Children's Librarian Jane Murphy, 403 children signed up for the program, resulting in 3900 reading hours. Because the children reached their goal, Miss Jane kissed the oversized teddy bear traipsing among the crowd.

After the parade, the crowd enjoyed various games, face painting, balloons, and teddy bear cookies on the lawn of the Unitarian church. Daisy D. Dots the clown was also on hand to entertain.

Among the children participating

in the parade, was grandmother Carol L'Heureux carrying two teddy bears.

"We have to be little all the time," said Ms. L'Heureux. "I never grew up. Words of wisdom: always enjoy your life. Always remain young at heart. My grandmother used to say that and she lived to be 100. She was my example.

For more information on the Millicent Library's programs, visit <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/> or contact Jane Murphy, 508-992-5342, or jmurphy@sailsinc.org.



Residents at Our Lady's Haven on Center Street in Fairhaven watch the annual Teddy Bear Parade on Wednesday, 8/10.

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New superintendent gets wild introduction on first day

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Vincent Furtado, the new Public Works Superintendent, had an interesting first day in Fairhaven, including a worker who had to be taken to the hospital and ending with a Board of Public Works meeting that had to be recessed to regain order.

BPW Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth had to establish order between two contractors arguing about how to proceed on a rebid for equipment by briefly recessing the 8/8 BPW meeting.

Robert "Robby" Roderiques and Peter deTerra exchanged heated remarks about whether Mr. deTerra's bid should have been rejected. Mr. deTerra is also on the Board of Health and the Board of Appeals. When Mr. Haworth tried to intervene, Mr. Roderiques began shouting at him. Mr. Roderiques claimed Mr. Haworth had no authority to act, since he had abstained from voting.

"I abstained but I run the meeting," Mr. Haworth shouted back.

Mr. Haworth then recessed the meeting. The two men continued to argue about whether or not Mr. Haworth had the authority to run the meeting. When it was agreed that he did, Mr. Haworth called the meeting back to order.

The debate stemmed from Mr. deTerra's handwritten bid which included two figures — one written over the other — which Katherine Tripp, BPW administrative assistant, had rejected. However, Mr. deTerra had challenged the rejection, claiming his bid was valid.

BPW member Steven Riley had moved to rebid on 6/20 which passed unanimously, and the board rebid the item for a track mounted backhoe. If and when the department needs to use the equipment, the winning bidder gets called and rents the equipment to the town.

As Mr. Haworth later explained, he had abstained from voting because he is a board member of a non-profit along with Mr. deTerra. Also, Mr. Roderiques recently donated to that non-profit. Although Mr. Haworth said he has no financial gain from the non-profit, he was avoiding the appearance of a conflict of interest.

When the meeting re-opened, the discussion on the rebid continued. Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy"

Hobson moved to rescind the motion to rebid the project after having heard from both sides.

"He's proven his point," said Mr. Hobson, about Mr. Roderiques.

He noted that Ms. Tripp had rejected the bid and so it was awarded to the low bidder, meaning that Mr. Roderiques would remain the winner of the contract.

Mr. Hobson also said that the Town had not even used that piece of equipment in the past year. In a phone interview, Mr. Haworth said he was researching how often the equipment has been used in the past.

At the meeting, Mr. Hobson asserted that to continue on the path they were going (rebid the project) would lead to legal costs for the Town.

"We're all Fairhaven people here," said Mr. Hobson. "Can't we work

[Mr. Alvernaz] repeatedly slammed a book on the table to imitate the constant slamming he hears from the street noises.

something out?"

BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant seconded Mr. Hobson's motion, saying that she was not aware at the time of the vote to rebid that Ms. Tripp routinely rejected bids for illegible amounts.

Since Mr. Riley made the original motion on 6/20, he would have to agree to rescind his motion to rebid the item. He refused, saying he felt to do so would compound the error.

Mr. Hobson abruptly left the meeting.

In the end, Ms. Sturtevant and Mr. Riley voted to table the matter until the next meeting on 8/22. Mr. Haworth abstained from voting. Member Daniel Freitas was absent.

Meanwhile, the rebidding was supposed to be open the next day, Tuesday, 8/9. Mr. Roderiques had indicated at the meeting that he would not submit a new bid as he had already been awarded the contract.

The meeting had a stormy beginning as well. Carlos Alvernaz of 47 Sycamore Street complained to the BPW for nearly twenty minutes about the noise, fumes and vibrations that he and his family have endured for 109 days due to Howland Road construction. He said trucks and buses are hitting a transition point in the road between the milled down pavement and existing pavement in front of his house.

He said the wallplate screws in his house have been loosened from the constant vibrations. He repeatedly slammed a book on the table to imitate the constant slamming he hears from the street noises. Mr. Alvernaz blamed the failure in the Sycamore sewer line on the truck traffic driving over the milled-down pavement in that area.

"How much more do I gotta endure?" Mr. Alvernaz said. "My coffee cup looks like a pebble has been dropped in it," he said, because of the vibrations.

Mr. Haworth said the final coat of pavement should be completed in October, which should take care of the problem. Until then, Mr. Hobson said that the Board would look into other solutions and get back to him within a week.

Earlier in the day, which was Mr. Furtado's first day on the job, a water department worker experienced chest pains and was transported by ambulance to the hospital. No information on his condition was available by press time.

In other business, the board approved amendments to the Brown and Caldwell contract for design and inspection of the anaerobic digester totaling \$44,000. The Town has notified WES Construction that the digester sludge tanks have been rejected. The primary tank leaked during a holding test last March and since both tanks were built the same way, both were rejected, according to Mr. Haworth.

The project was slated to be completed May 30, 2011. Liquidated damages of \$1,000 per day have not been assessed, said Mr. Haworth, but the BPW has reserved the right to do so. About half of the \$7.2 million has been paid to WES Construction, including a portion of the tank construction.

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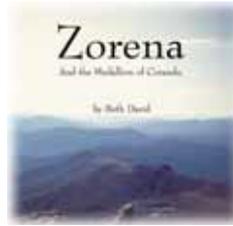
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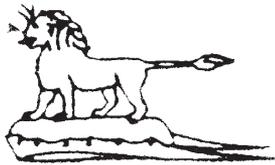
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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on August 23, 2011**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Special Permit**, the applicant, **Mark Rassmussen**, is requesting Special Permit approval, per Section 198.32.1, to convert a single family dwelling back to its previous use as a two family dwelling. The location of the property is, 39 Fort Street, Map 3, Lot 21. 2) **General Bylaw Amendment** Chapter 316, the Planning Board is proposing amendments to Chapter 316 - Procedural Rules.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Town of Fairhaven CDBG Public Hearing 2010 Grant

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:10 PM at the Fairhaven Town Hall in the Banquet Room by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing is to present a progress report on and receive input on the current 2010 grant. The grant includes the reconstruction of a section of Middle Street and the Housing Rehabilitation program including program delivery and general administration expenses. In addition, the use of surplus funds will be discussed. Possible projects for

the surplus funds include the extension of the Middle Street project to Ferry Street and/or additional Housing Rehabilitation. The room is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodation will be made by the Town with written notice.

Board of Selectmen

Board of Appeals

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

1. Mark & Ann Johnson 194 Cottonwood Street Plat 43B, Lot 150 Certificate #21644
198-18 Short 16' of the required 30' front setback, short 2' of the required 30' rear setback and 8% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all in an RR District.
2. Skipper Realty, LLC/Seaport Inn & Marina, LLC 110 Middle Street Plat 11, Lots 2, 6A, 6B, 6C, 3, 97 and Plat 12, Lots 17-20, 20A ,2I-24 Book 9139, Page 298
Administrative Appeal

Continued from August 2, 2011

1. 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.

Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on August 18, 2011, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Banquet Room. The

purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2012 Community Preservation Plan. Copies of the Plan are available at the Planning & Economic Development Department Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To request a copy of the Plan, call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082 or email: broth@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 22, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

1. Request for Determination Applicant Lucy Figueiredo Location 1 Bayside Street Plot 42 Lot 53 Purpose perform percolation tests within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within a VE flood zone.
1. Request for Determination Applicant A to Z Construction Co Inc. Location 40 Point Street Plot 28B Lots 119,120,128,129 Purpose construct rear deck within 100' of BVW and within a VE flood zone.
1. Request for Determination Applicant Bryant Ribeiro Location 475 Bridge Street Plot 31 Lot 5 Construct a lean-to to existing garage within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the NRB after the fact filing.
1. Amendment to Order of Conditions SE 23 - 1090 Applicant John J. Sylvia Location 7 Hickory Street Plot 24 Lots 189-194 Purpose amend order to include a shed and carport in the 100' buffer zone to BVW

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Jones, Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

MARTIN: cont'd from page 13

"I know you think you did the right thing," he said. "You didn't do the right thing. You just deferred the problem."

Ms. Martin also complained that her neighbor was cutting a public access way that she claims has protected grass on it. She said other neighbors are using the 12-foot easement to get to the water, but are also leaving small boats where they are killing the beach grass.

The right of way access is alongside Ms. Martin's house and leads to a small beach and mooring field.

Mr. Jones said he would do a site visit to ascertain if any violations are taking place. He also cautioned Ms. Martin that he would cite anyone or everyone if he found violations, including her.

"If I go and issue an enforcement order, everyone's getting one [who is in violation]," said Mr. Jones.

"If you want us to look, if you think something nefarious is going on down there, we'll look at it," said Mr. Jones.

Ms. Martin also tried to talk about the issue of ownership of the access easement, but Mr. Jones limited her comments to the issues under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

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CONCOM: cont'd from page 12

Due to the resignation of ConCom member Carol Tyson, the commission needed a presence on the Community Preservation Committee. Members unanimously approved Chairperson Andrew Jones to fill that role.

The board also heard from summer resident Claudia Martin alleging wetlands violations near her property on Turner Avenue. (See separate story on page 13.)

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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Health

Mon., 8/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 8/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 8/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 8/15, Nemasket Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/24, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

7:10 p.m., CDBG public hearing

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Tuesday	16	1019	2239	0326	1549
Wednesday	17	1057	2317	0400	1627
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Gentlemen Grow Your Beards!

Contest for Bicentennial recalls antics of 1962, sans the hair mat

Press Release

In 1962, a group of Fairhaven men held a contest to see who could grow the finest beard in celebration of the town's 150th anniversary. About 60 men between the ages of 20 and 65 let their whiskers grow.

That sesquicentennial group called themselves the Brothers of the Brush, and they appeared, dressed in period costume, at several of the town's special events during the course of the year, including riding on a float in the grand parade.

On the final day of festivities in July, judges selected the best beard, most original beard, longest beard, fullest beard, most humorous beard

and thinnest beard.

Now, Fairhaven men are once again invited to become Brothers of the Brush for the town's Bicentennial next year in 2012.

"We want to publicize this well in advance so the guys have plenty of time to grow their beards," said Bicentennial Committee chairman Wayne Oliveira.

Ironically, fire department rules prevent Oliveira from growing a beard himself. (The police department has a similar regulation.) As long as your employer or your partner doesn't object, consider joining the fun by putting away your razor for a year.

As was done fifty years ago, the

beards will be judged and prizes will be awarded. There may even be a "public shaving" following the Bicentennial parade.

On a somewhat odd note, in 1962, following the beard contest, hair from the shaved beards of forty of the "Brothers" was made into a thick felt mat, about a foot square, that was framed for display. A few years ago the frame was found in the Town Hall and is now in the possession of the Office of Tourism.

A typewritten list identifies which men's beards are thus preserved. The 2012 Bicentennial Committee has voted NOT to do that next year.



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



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By M.L. Baron
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Last Saturday marked the halfway point for the Summer of 2011. So far at West Island the highest temperature only reached 80 on Jul 28 while temperatures soared to 100 in town. A low of 48 was recorded on June 5. The highest wind gust was 51 mph during a thunderstorm on July 8.

The peak of hurricane season is about 4 weeks away, usually towards the end of the second week in

September. So far the first five named storms this year didn't make landfall and will be reused in 2017.

This season's batch of names is reused from the non-retired list of the incredible hurricane season of 2005 when they ran out of names! In that year with all the names on the hurricane list used up they had to resort to the Greek alphabet for the first time and reached the fifth letter E - "Epsilon" in October of that year.

When a hurricane makes U.S. landfall, the name gets retired like Bob — 1991, Gloria — 1985, Katrina — 2005, Andrew — 1992 and Carol — 1954 to name a few.

The 2011 names left on the list are: Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Phillipe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney.

Coming up

Next week: The 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Bob (August 19, 1991), a first person reflection. WestIslandWeather.com has a Hurricane Bob page which includes clips of the West Island causeway overrun by the tidal surge and wind.

The island ocean temp : 73

The first day of Fall: 44 days.

Forecast

FRIDAY: Mostly clear in the upper 70s. **FRIDAY NIGHT:** Clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

SATURDAY: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. **SATURDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s. **SUNDAY NIGHT:** Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 60s.

MONDAY: Cloudy 30 percent of showers. Highs in the mid 70s. **MONDAY NIGHT:** Cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 68
Tues. Night: Mostly Cloudy. Low: 66

Wednesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 72. **Wednesday Night:** Clear. Low: 69

Thursday: Partly Cloudy. High: 75.
Thurs. Night: Mostly Cloudy. Low: 69

Friday: Partly Cloudy. High: 75
Friday Night: Mostly Cloudy. Low: 70

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Possible Ballot Questions include Med. Marijuana, IDs to vote

Press Release, Mass. Attorney General

Meeting Aug 3rd's deadline, 22 groups have filed 31 petitions for proposed laws or constitutional amendments with Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office. Of the 31 petitions, 21 were proposed laws for the 2012 ballot and one constitutional amendment was filed for the 2014 ballot. Some initiative petition sponsors submitted more than one version of a petition on the same topic.

A list of all the petitions and their contact persons is available on the Office's website, www.mass.gov/ago/ballotquestions, under "Current Petitions Filed."

The filing deadline is only the start of the process to get the proposed laws on the ballot for the 2012 statewide election. According to state law, the Attorney General will review whether the initiative petitions meet certain constitutional requirements and can be certified to file with the Secretary of State. The deadline for certification is Wednesday September 7. The personal policy views of the Attorney General or any members of her office play no role in the

certification decisions. AG Coakley welcomes public input on whether a petition may be legally certified.

Following certification, proponents are required to gather and file the signatures of 68,911 registered voters by December 7, 2011. Once the requisite signatures are obtained, the proposal is sent to the state Legislature to enact before the first Wednesday in May 2012. If the Legislature fails to enact the proposal, its proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures from registered voters by early July 2012 to place the initiative on the 2012 ballot.

The process for proposed constitutional amendments is different, requiring approval by at least 25 percent of the Legislature in 2012 and then again in 2013-2014 before appearing on the November 2014 ballot.

The Massachusetts Constitution requires that proposed initiatives be in the proper form for submission to voters, not be substantially the same as any measure on the ballot in either of the two preceding statewide elections, contain only subjects that

are related or mutually dependent, and not involve a narrow set of subjects that are specifically excluded from the ballot initiative process by the state Constitution.

Voters who take issue with the Attorney General's certification decisions can ask the Supreme Judicial Court for a review.

For last year's election, 30 initiative petitions were submitted, with three making it to the ballot. For the 2008 election, 13 initiative petitions were submitted, with three making it to the ballot. For the 2006 election, 16 initiative petitions were submitted, with three making it to the ballot. Thirteen initiative petitions were submitted, with none making it to the ballot for the 2004 election.

This year's proposed questions include amendments to the Do Not Call List law; legalization of marijuana for medical reasons; a "death with dignity" law that would allow terminally ill patients to get enough medication to end their lives; a law requiring voters to show identification; and a law allowing grocery stores to sell wine.

New cancer center open

Press Release

Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care began treating patients at its new Fairhaven location on Monday, June 27. Residents of the eastern part of the South Coast region, for the first time, now have convenient access to high-quality, comprehensive cancer care without having to travel.

"It is crucial for South Coast communities to have access to high-quality oncology services without having to travel," said Keith A. Hovan, President of Southcoast Health System and President & CEO of Southcoast Hospitals Group. "With the opening of our new Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care in Fairhaven — in addition to our existing site at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River — Southcoast fulfills its promise to the community to make these services available to all."

The Fairhaven site brings together advanced diagnostic services, state-of-the-art radiation therapy and medical oncology, such as chemotherapy, in a peaceful, natural setting designed with input from cancer patients. The 56,000 square foot

center is conveniently located right off of Interstate 195 on 206 Mill Road.

Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care has two locations, Dartmouth, which will be transitioning patients to Fairhaven, and Fall River located in the Mitchell Building at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

"The Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care have been developed with the primary focus on our patients medical, emotional and social needs," said Therese M. Mulvey, MD, Physician-in-Chief & Medical Oncologist for the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care. "We are dedicated to bringing our patients and their families the very best cancer treatment possible and making it available right here in their community."

The care delivered at the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care is complemented by a team which includes medical and radiation oncologists and staff who have been treating cancer patients at Southcoast for decades, and new staff who include top-tier clinicians with a wealth of experience from major academic cancer centers around the country

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In another matter, the board hired Phillip Cardoza as a Motor Equipment Repairman. He was the only candidate and received endorsement by Mitchell Rusinoski, Working Foreman and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau. Mr. Cardoza previously worked for 35 years in service and repairs. He holds the required 1B/2B licensing for hoisting and hydraulics.

The Board reconvened in executive session to discuss the anaerobic digester by roll call vote, not to reconvene in open session. ●●●

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