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

Dueling slides at Town Meeting



Cost Considerations

Larger Wood School

- Busing Cost \$\$\$↑
- Utilities \$\$\$↑
(Rogers is still heated and lighted)
- Millions of additional dollars to renovate Rogers for another use.
- Possible need to expand down the road.

Renovate Existing Buildings

- Need to explore further renovation cost reductions:
 - Use the 3rd floor of Rogers.
 - Continue to utilize existing parts of Rogers in the renovation (gym).
 - Rogers and Wood rated at top of scale for renovation potential
- Designs for Rogers and Wood would still include rooms for sped, music, art, phys therapy, reading ect.

New School Debt Costs 20 Year Declining Debt Repayment

Based on Average Home Value \$270,000 Total Maximum Costs \$6,700,000

Loan Interest Rate	Total Repayment Principal & Interest	Impact on Average Home	20 Year Assessment	Average Cost Per Year
2.8%	\$12,246,250	\$83.84 - \$57.29	\$1,411	\$70.02
3.0%	\$12,755,500	\$89.43 - \$57.57	\$1,470	\$73.00
3.5%	\$13,264,750	\$95.02 - \$57.85	\$1,529	\$76.00
4%	\$13,774,000	\$100.61 - \$58.13	\$1,587	\$79.00

*Debt Cost

ABOVE: Fairhaven Finance Committee member Padraic Elliott presents the minority's case against building one new school to consolidate the Rogers and Wood Schools at the Wood School site on Sconticut Neck Road during a special Town Meeting held on Tuesday, 10/25. RIGHT: Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeff Osuch displayed the projected costs to taxpayers if voters pass the debt exclusion required to borrow the money to build the new school. Voters in Fairhaven will go to the polls on Wednesday, 11/2, to vote on the ballot question. *Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.*

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, this is it, folks. Time to vote on the new school: yea or nay.

Town meeting said “yes” to authorizing the funding. Now it’s up to the voters of Fairhaven to decide if they want to pay for it. It requires a debt exclusion from Proposition 2 1/2. That means that the cost of paying the loan will be excluded from the calculations the state makes when they decide how much property taxes can go up. The increase in the taxes will be for the life of the loan, not forever. See page 16 for the discussion that took place at Town Meeting. And VOTE on Wednesday. Don’t sit home and let other people decide for you. Decide for yourself. See page 26 for a story on the conditions at the two schools in question. See the letters to the editor on pages 18, 27, 28, and 29 for opinions from your neighbors.

The idea, in case you’ve been asleep for the past few months, is to combine the student populations of the Rogers and Wood Schools into one new school at the Wood School site on Sciticut Neck Road. The two schools are in desperate need of repair and neither one is big enough to accommodate all the extra stuff educational programming requires in 2011.

The big question all along has been: do we renovate or build new?

The Rogers School parents and neighbors are heartbroken at the thought of losing their neighborhood school. I think we all understand and sympathize with that. I do agree that having a small neighborhood school is better for a neighborhood. I hated to see Oxford close.

The question, however, should be “what’s better for the kids, educationally?”

This isn’t about us. It isn’t about wanting to keep an historic building alive, or keeping a neighborhood vibrant, or satisfying our own wish to see kids playing in the neighborhood playground. It’s about getting the kids ready for the world.

Our public schools do not just teach the well-adjusted, physically fit anymore. Schools need to address the needs of those with physical, emotional, and psychological difficulties in ways that Henry Huttleston Rogers could not have imagined in his wildest dreams when he gave that building to the town in 1885.

The building is definitely a beauty, from the outside, but from the inside, I would argue that it is no longer a “Rogers Building,” with all the glory that term engenders in these parts. It’s just an old building with beat-up floors and leaking roofs, a hissing boiler, and dark spaces not conducive to good learning.

The building is worth saving. All HHR’s buildings are and will be for as long as physically possible, but its days as Fairhaven’s public elementary school should be numbered.

When HHR built the high school, he put a phone in every classroom. Unheard of in 1906. HHR believed in technology. He believed in the new. Try to imagine how he would feel if he knew that more than 200 students in Fairhaven were being denied the newest and the best in his name?

I’m no psychic, and I’m no Henry Huttleston Rogers scholar, but I feel confident enough to take a guess. He’d say build my hometown’s children the best that money can buy; spare no expense; make each one feel as special as the other.

Until next week then...

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing this week? Really? Okay then!

Heritage Center characters come to life at COA



The Fairhaven Heritage Center commemorates the lives of about 30 of Fairhaven's famous people. On October 14, three of the FHC's characters visited the Fairhaven Senior Center to talk about their lives, including Joseph Bates, Jr., one of the three founders of the Seventh Day Adventists; Mary Ann Hathaway Tripp (Kathy Borges), the first American woman to sail around the world; and Mark Twain (Al Jones), close friend of Fairhaven's Henry Huttleston Rogers. ABOVE: Mary Ann Hathaway Tripp and Mark Twain at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Friday, 10/14. The Fairhaven Heritage Center is open weekly in summer and by appointment the rest of the year. Call Milton George at 508-996-0776 to learn more. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Scouts help Rotary help others

The Rotary Club of Fairhaven held its first ever Mini Golf Tournament at Captain Barnacles in Fairhaven on Sunday, 10/2. The turnout was incredible and the money raised will go right back to the students of Fairhaven through scholarships and Civic Awareness Awards. The Rotary Club of Fairhaven meets on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at the Huttleston House in Fairhaven. The Club is planning more fun events, including a Wine and Chocolate and a Basketball Throw.



Members of Troop 52 volunteered at the Rotary Club's Mini-Golf fundraiser on Sunday, 10/2. The money raised will go towards scholarships and awards. Photo courtesy of Pauline Parker.

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ConCom approves Torrington, continues Balsam Street ramp

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

At the Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting held on Monday 10/17, resident Geraldine Delellis addressed the commission to have an old boat ramp removed from her Balsam Street property. Ms. Delellis presented the board with photos of the boat ramp and described its current state as a safety hazard.

Ms. Delellis stated that she bought the property in 1996 with an existing cement boat ramp that was built in 1974. She said that over the years, the boat ramp had been pounded by waves and was further damaged this summer during Tropical Storm Irene. She admitted that although she and her family do not use it as a boat ramp, children have always used it to get into the water. She said she was concerned that a child might one day fall and break a leg.

Ms. Delellis told the board she wants the boat ramp removed.

She also said she might want to put a seawall in place of two steps that lead to the beach.

ConCom Chairperson Andrew Jones pointed out that a seawall was not mentioned on the agenda and the discussion changed to a detailed dialog over the specifics of the boat ramp.

Mr. Jones asked Ms. Delellis if the seawall was licensed. She responded that she did not know what he meant and that it was there when she bought the property.

"Moving the boat ramp is one

thing, but the seawall is another," said ConCom member Cora Peirce.

"It's not a seawall, it's just two steps," Ms. Delellis said.

The commission deemed the two steps a vertical structure and said that even two steps are classified as a seawall. The commission ordered a site walk.

The commission also concluded that Ms. Delellis had not filed the correct forms. She submitted a Request for Determination but was

Moving the boat ramp is one thing, but the seawall is another [Cora Peirce]

told that she would need to file a Notice of Intent. The motion for an on-site visit on 11/6 with continuation to 11/7 was passed.

The commission then addressed the Notice of Intent filed by Nolan and Karen Cook regarding a single family dwelling to be built on Torrington Road. David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates presented the commission with a map of the property and the discussion focused on the construction of a common sewer line alongside the road. The concern was a strip of wetlands alongside the road in the location of the proposed sewer line.

Mr. Jones said it was reasonable to build through it, since it was only ten

feet of wetlands. If it were any larger than that he would have a problem with it. The commission approved the plan as presented with a set of eight conditions.

At the property line the common sewer line will be split to serve the Cook property and the neighboring Tonnesson property.

Mr. Davignon also represented Troy Tonnesson, abutter to the same wetlands as the Cook property, who plans to build a single family dwelling on one plot and another building on the adjoining lot. His original intent was to build a garage on the adjoining lot, but in a follow-up interview with Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin, Mr. Fostin explained that Mr. Tonnesson will now be building a single family dwelling on top of a garage on the lot, due to zoning laws. The commission approved Mr. Tonnesson's Notice of Intent for the common sewer line with the same eight conditions as the Cooks.

The commission then addressed Mr. Bryant Ribeiro of 475 Bridge Street, seeking to build a lean-to to an existing garage. The Request for Determination was rescheduled from 9/12 when the commission determined that several violations existed on the property which would have to be rectified. Mr. Ribeiro still needs to remove some piles of brush from the property. The commission instructed Mr. Ribeiro to create a revised plan and update the current conditions plan to include all recent modifications to the property. The matter was continued until 11/21. ●●●

B&E on camera, suspect charged for third time in 2 months

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

At approximately 9:50 Friday morning, 10/21, the Fairhaven Police Department received a report of a break in progress that was occurring at a Rockland Street residence. The reporting party was conducting a property check of the house for a local bank. He told police he heard noise coming from the rear of the property. When he walked to the back, he discovered two young males breaking the rear door with an axe.

The witness snapped a photograph of the suspects who fled on foot from the property when they realized they had been discovered.

Officer Frank Sniezek, who was on patrol in the immediate area,

responded to the scene where he was informed about the attempted break. The witness gave him a description of the two suspects and said he last saw them running south on Point Street.

Officer Sniezek drove around the corner and caught sight of them as they were about to enter a marsh

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Fairhaven police say this photo shows Adam Shervo (with ax) and Andrew Simuel trying to break into a house on Rockland Street on Friday, 10/21. Photo submitted by Fairhaven Police Department.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Boo at the Zoo

October 28-30 · 6:00pm-9:00pm, Zoo Members: \$5/adult; \$3/child. Non-Members: \$10/adult; \$8/child at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford. Accessible.

New Bedford's favorite zoo Halloween event! There's enough thrills and chills for everyone at Boo at the Zoo! Frights and sights! Join us at Boo at the Zoo for an evening of Halloween fun! Climb aboard for a spooooky train ride (\$2/ride) or take a bewitching carousel ride (\$2/ride)! Crafts, activities, and slightly scary fun for all ages! Keep up to date with all the latest Boo at the Zoo news at www.bpzoo.org.

Spooky Run

The Greater New Bedford Track Club is excited to announce the running of its premiere road race – the 33rd Annual Spooner 10K Run and Spooky 5K Run/Walk on **Sunday, October 30, at 9 a.m. at Buttonwood Park in New Bedford.**

If registered by October 10, the registration fee for 10K and 5K participants is \$20 each. The registration fee from October 11th to race day will be \$25 each

We are still looking for sponsors, donations, and gift certificates to award as prizes to the participants. If you'd like to help please email SpookySpooner@rungnbtc.com

Not your ordinary Haunt

With real skeletons

Kick off your Halloween weekend at After Hours with Pumpkin Head Ted on **Friday, October 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., under the whale skeletons** in the Jacobs Family Gallery at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. It's not your ordinary haunt. Come in costume early and join us for a monster of a party!

Admission: \$5 for museum members; \$10 for non-members. Become a museum member at the door and your admission is waived. Free food; cash bar.

Sponsored by Whaling City Sound, Fiber Optic Center, Inc. and CV Liquors, After Hours offers a blend of live music and sensational cocktails

in an extraordinary museum setting every last Friday of the month.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling and the cultural history of the region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown and is open daily. Accessible. For a complete calendar of events, visit the Whaling Museum online at www.whalingmuseum.org.

Shred Day

The City of New Bedford, The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, and Downtown New Bedford, Inc., will co-sponsor a paper shredding event on **Saturday, October 29, from 9:00am through 12 Noon** in the parking lot across from New Bedford City Hall (corner of William and N. Sixth Streets). Residents and New Bedford area businesses are encouraged to bring their outdated paper items to be shredded on site by Doc Shredding Corp.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but the paper items must not be in binders or folders. A fee of \$5 per box will be charged to help cover the cost of the operation and each box may not weigh more than 30lbs. Participants are welcome to watch the destruction of up to 5 of their boxes of paper. For more than 5 boxes, shredding may be done offsite.

Please contact District Recycling Coordinator, Marissa Perez-Dormitzer at (508) 979-1493 or John Lobo in the City's Office of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 with any questions.

Minute Memories

Do you have a special memory of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park? The Park is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, and wants to collect stories from some of the many people who have strong connections to this historic place. The park is producing a video of one-minute stories about visitors, volunteers, employees, and anybody else who has had a special experience or story they'd like to tell about the park. There will be two drop-in days: **Oct. 29 and Nov. 5,**

between 12 noon and 5 PM, to come to the visitor center at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford, to share a one-minute story.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park invites the public to see the finished video on Saturday, November 12, when the park will hold a birthday party from 12 noon to 4:00 PM to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the creation of the park in 1996. The party will include music, a specially made birthday cake, storytelling, crafts and games. All attendees will receive a New Bedford Whaling NHP 15th anniversary commemorative coin.

Admission is free for all events. Accessible. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov.

Artworks FR

Off-the-Wall! "It's a Speakeasy," ArtWorks! Annual fundraiser party and benefit auction, Saturday, October 29. Dinner at 6, Drinks, Dancing, Dessert, and more at 7. Get your tickets by calling 508-984-1588, or e-mail info@artworksforyou.org. ArtWorks! 384 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, www.artworksforyou.org

Drug Take-Back Day

The New Bedford Police Department has joined up with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to conduct a third National **Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 am–2:00 pm at New Bedford Police Department, 871 Rockdale Ave, New Bedford,** for city residents and others to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.

For more information contact NB Police at 508-991-6300, Ext. 108 Detective Kelly Almeida.

Moby Partnership

The next events in the Moby Partnership ongoing program are being held at the Zeiterion Performance Center, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, 508-994-2900

- **Thurs., Nov. 3, Welcome Reception** for the Mayor of Youghal, County Cork, Ireland, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Film Screening: "Moby Dick" (1956)** Starring Gregory Peck, Directed by John Huston, 7:00 p.m. **Tickets, \$5.50**

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Halloween Parade

Thomas Fallon, the President of the Acushnet Firefighter's Association, announced that the 2011 annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Halloween night, October 31st, at 6:30 pm. All children wishing to participate in this event are to meet at the Town Hall on Main Street.

Participants are encouraged to dress in costumes and be ready to set out on the parade route where the crowds of eager onlookers can cheer them on. On average 800 to 1,000 children attend this special occasion which is jointly funded by the town's Firefighters' and Police Associations. Families from Acushnet and neighboring communities are invited to attend this free event.

Haunted Rail Yards

The 10th Annual Haunted Rail Yard is taking place on the grounds of the Old Colony & Fall River Rail Yard museum grounds and rail cars, 2 Water St., Fall River. This fund raising events takes place on Fri. & Sat., Oct. 28 & 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission, \$5 per person. Check us out on Facebook. Call 508-674-9340 or visit www.ocandfrailroadmuseum.com

Crafters Needed

Smith Mills Christian Congregational Church and Smith Mills Nursery and Kindergarten are having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, from 9 am-3 pm. We are looking for crafters to rent tables. The cost of the 8 foot table is \$25.00 and we ask that the crafter donate an item to be auctioned, the cost of the table and auction proceeds benefit the church and school.

For information, please call Diane at 508-971-5211.

Bruins Tickets FR

"Night at the Bruins," Raffle Package to benefit Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity. Saturday, January 7, at 1:00 p.m. Offering (2) Tickets to Bruins vs. Vancouver Canucks, TD Garden Loge 4, Row 11 (\$600 value). Deluxe Water View Room at the Fairmont Battery Wharf in Boston (\$400 value), \$150 Gift Card for Breakfast & Dinner at the, Aragosta Bar + Bistro, Round Trip

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Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are taking place at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Accessible.

Recycle Day: Take your redeemable cans and bottles to the Library on **Sat., Oct. 29th from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Junior Friends will be glad to accept your items as part of their effort to raise funds to help the library. Each month this helpful group will announce a recycling day, so save your cans and bottles for the library.

Cookbook Authors: Mother and daughter team Elaine and Karin Tammi have recently published the beautifully illustrated cookbook, "Scallops." They will be speaking to the library's Cooks and Books group on **Tues., Nov. 1st at 7 p.m.** Copies of the holiday gift-quality cookbook will be available for purchase and signing.

ABWA Meeting

Please join the members of the Southcoast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at their next monthly meeting on **Wed., Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth. Accessible. \$25, dinner & program.**

The November speaker will be Marie Peeler of "Peeler Associates" who will speak about "Increasing Leadership Effectiveness." Marie will discuss the creative competencies that help leaders achieve greatness and the reactive tendencies that hold leaders back. Learn one significant tip that you can begin to do today to start breaking habits of thought that do not serve you in your quest for leadership success.

Vets' Jobs Seminar

On Wednesday, November 2, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) will partner with

Suffolk University to host a free Career Seminar for job-seeking veterans. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 73 Tremont St., 9th Floor, Boston.

The full-day seminar, "Marketing Your Military Service," will provide the advice, resources and tools necessary for job-seeking veterans to properly maximize Massachusetts' resources available for veterans entering or returning to the workforce.

Refreshments and complimentary lunch. For more information, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eolwd/vetseminar>. RSVP IS REQUIRED to [Laura Piscopo, lpiscopo@suffolk.edu](mailto:Laura.Piscopo@suffolk.edu).

Bird Talk

Kukoo for the Boys & Girls Club Wareham will celebrate the final program for the year of the birds with a presentation by world known environmentalist and Onset resident Richard Wheeler. **The public is invited on Thursday, November 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street Marion** for a candid behind the scenes chat by Dick while the 1994 NOVA film, *Haunted Cry of the Long Gone Bird* is shown. Dick will share some of the challenges he faced to bring the trip to the public and the often funny and scary situations that happened along the way. Desserts and light refreshments will be served at the free event.

Twenty years ago Dick, then 60 years old, marked the 1,500 mile migration route of the Auk in a solo kayak trip from New Foundland to Cape Cod. While focusing on the story of the extinct bird, Wheeler also dramatizes human beings' continued abuse of the seas and other creatures dependent on it.

M.O. LIFE Ball

MO LIFE presents its 8th Annual Cocktail Party on **Thurs., Nov. 3, from 7-11:00 pm at The Century House in Acushnet. Open bar from 7:00-9:00pm, Hors d' oeuvres, a silent auction, and music by Candida Rose. Tickets: \$50 per person.**

All proceeds go to consumer support needs. For more information please contact MO LIFE at 508-992-5978 or view our website at www.molifeinc.com.

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Jim Beam Bourbon 1.75.....	\$24 ⁹⁹
Christian Bros. Brandy 1.75.....	\$19 ⁹⁹
Gordon's Gin 1.75.....	\$16 ⁹⁹
Kahlua 750.....	\$19 ⁹⁹
Kendall Jackson Chard 750.....	\$11 ⁹⁹
George Duboeuf Cotes du Rhone 750.....	\$6 ⁹⁹
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Buffet at 7:30 • Music at 8:00

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For tickets contact:
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- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp almond extract

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly coat cookie sheet with cooking spray.

In large bowl, cream together butter, brown sugar and egg. Blend in applesauce and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients and mix until well blended.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until cookies spring back when lightly touched.

Transfer cookies onto a wire rack to cool completely.

By Gabby Moniz

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs
Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Football

FHS 12, ORR 14

The Blues lost another heart breaker to ORR 14-12. Kobie Edwards had 22-yard TD. Billy Pires caught a TD pass from Chris Braga. With 2:44 left to play, ORR's Mike Asci hit Max Risch for 5-yard TD to defeat FHS.

Take on Harwich Friday night at Stadium.

FHS Volleyball

The Lady Blues got their 13th win over Bourne last Monday. The K sisters led the way: Kelsey Sovik, Kayli Moniz and Kara Charette. Ashley Brown chipped in with 13 digs.

Rolled over NB Voke on Wednesday, 3-0. Coach Karen Arsenault got great play from K sisters, Kelsey, Kara, Kayli, and Kay Mullen. The Ladies in Blue rolled over Apponequet Friday, 3-0. Kay Mullen was 8 for 8 from service line.

FHS JV Volleyball

The Young Girls in blue got a big 2-1 victory over Bourne at the Leach Gyne last Monday. Outstanding for FHS were Kensie Roderiques, Marrisa Garcia, Shae Rieley, Morgan Howland, Ashlyn Lynch, Jessica Joseph, Courtney Girouard, and Kim Joseph.

FHS Girls Soccer

Emma Morehead,
32 goals tops in area

Coach Derek Galvan's Lady Kickers got another big shutout win over Bourne 3-0. Emma Morehead had the "hat trick" 3 goals for the 10-2-2 Blues. Kayli Berche had 2 assists and

Taylor Canastra had another shutout in goal. Amy Silva and Cecille Pereira were outstanding on defense.

On Friday, the Lady Blues got a big 3-2 over Apponequet. Emma the "scoring machine" got another hat trick 3 goals to lead FHS, which is now 11-2-2. Taylor Canastra, Kayli Berche, Ashley Pereira, and Jill Silva were outstanding for the Blues.

FHS Boys Soccer

The Blue Kickers tied Bourne last week 1-1. Eric Moura had lone FHS goal. On Friday, league-leading NB Voke beat FHS 5-2. Joey Foote had Fairhaven's 2 goals.

Spanky

FHS Grad Paul "Spanky" Demanche Comes Home

When Harwich HS comes to town Friday to take on FHS they will be led by Coach Spanky Demanche, FHS Hall of Famer who was two-time ST All Star linebacker and fullback who graduated in 1977.

Paul went on to UConn and then coached at Stang and Barnstable as assistant. He became head coach at Barnstable, where he was very successful, winning two Superbowls and named Div. 1 Coach of the Year in 1995.

Paul has been rebuilding Harwich's football program for two years now. Welcome home, Spanky.

UMassD Football

UMassD was defeated by a super Endicott College Saturday, 24-14. Pat Orlando threw 2 TD passes to Brenden McNeish for UMD.

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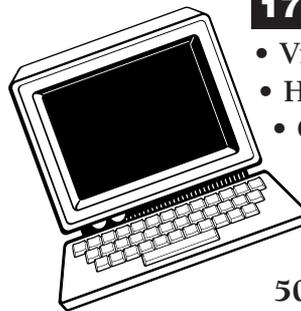
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Acushnet SC hears MCAS, technology survey results

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

Acushnet Superintendent of Schools Steven Donovan presented the School Committee with the town's 2011 MCAS testing results at their meeting on Tuesday, October 18. He explained how the testing is scored using four components and said that Acushnet, like many other schools in the state, is having difficulty with meeting proficiency levels in two of those component: performance and improvement.

Mr. Donovan told the committee that in English Language Arts neither the Elementary nor the Middle School scored as proficient on the aggregate levels. In Math, the Elementary School not only met the proficiency standard but also scored very high, however, the Middle School did not meet the proficiency standard.

The superintendent expressed his concerns about the validity of the MCAS testing results.

"How is it that 80% of the schools in the state are failing?" he asked.

School Committee member David DeTerra questioned a troubling trend evidenced in the test scores. He questioned why the fifth grade math scores were very high compared to state averages, yet the seventh grade math scores were so low.

"There's got to be something there...this happens every year now," said Mr. DeTerra.

In response, Mr. Donovan and Middle School Principal Chris Greene explained what they have been doing to rectify the problem, including getting teachers involved to work directly together, and also to "increase the time on task" by adding more math into the school day. They assured the committee that they were aware of the problem and were doing all that they could to address it.

Mr. Greene also updated the committee on the technology survey he is conducting with the parents of middle school students. He stated that the goal of the survey is to determine the level and types of access and usage the students have to various technologies. He reported that of 495 students, to date, he had received 313 responses.

The survey findings showed that the majority of middle school students have cell phones and that 25% of them got them when they were

in the fifth grade. He said that the survey also found that only 2% of students have no computer at home. Mr. Greene said the survey indicated that approximately 40% of them have their own computer while about 60% use a family computer.

He noted that most of the family computers were identified by participating parents as being located in the living room or a public place within the home. He also said that 56% of children who use the Internet at home do so while their parents closely monitor them.

The committee discussed how computers and the internet influence

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state are failing?
[Steven Donovan]

today's schools and students' environments, including things such as doing homework, the "Homework Page" on the school website and Internet bullying.

Mr. Greene also told the committee he will continue his work on the bullying survey, which he is also conducting at this time.

Kristen Flynn, School District Business Manager, and Mr. Donovan presented various financial matters to the SC.

In her budget update, Ms. Flynn stated that she will be closely monitoring the largest expenses of the school system as September billings are processed. The costs include

high school tuition bills, payroll and transportation.

She also told the committee that building maintenance budgets are already depleting fast, caused by several unanticipated events, including water damage in the elementary school library,

boiler problems, a gas line leak at the middle school and repairs to the dumbwaiter at the elementary school.

Her report closed with a brief discussion regarding the setting of the hourly custodial rates that renters pay to use buildings. No changes were made to the rate.

Mr. Donovan reported that \$989,388 in free cash was certified and would be turned over at the coming town meeting. He said that the funds were attributable to special education expenses.

Mr. Donovan also reported on possible changes at the Southeastern Mass. Educational Collaborative (SMEC) which is a public education professional development group that offers programs for children and adults who need specialized instruction and support. He said the changes will have an adverse affect on the Acushnet school system budgets in that tuition fees per person receiving adult services, which are currently set at \$30,000.00 per year, could increase considerably.

Mr. Donovan described the possible changes as a "recipe for disaster" and stated that he is attempting to have the existing collaborations protected.

In other business:

- Mr. Donovan said the retiring Accounting Clerk's position has been updated. The position should be filled by the end of the year.
- The elementary school library is still closed due to recent water damage. Repairs have been completed and an environmental company has inspected the site. The library will be reopened as

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The voters will decide on school consolidation

By Beth David
Editor

At a special Town Meeting on Tuesday, 10/25, Fairhaven TM members voted to approve spending for construction of a new school at the LL Wood School site on Scoticut Neck Road. The measure must now pass a vote of the general electorate because it requires a debt exclusion from Proposition 2 1/2, the law that sets limits on property tax increases. The election is set for Wednesday, 11/2 (see sidebar for ballot question).

Despite talk of a secret ballot and special preparations by the town clerk to accommodate that possibility, the question never came up. Instead, TM members delved into the pros and cons of building one school to consolidate the Rogers School in the center of town with the Wood School on Scoticut Neck Road.

Article 3 authorized the borrowing of \$24,656,000 to build a new "model" school. The Mass. School Building Authority has approved the project and will grant approximately \$9.7 million for the project. The MSBA voted to reimburse the town 63.5% of eligible costs. Approximately \$689,000

is not eligible for reimbursement.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin echoed his arguments of the past two years. He kept it brief, saying he has already made his case to TM.

He said the proposed one-school option is a long term solution to the problem of two aging schools that do not have the room to meet modern educational requirements.

Dr. Baldwin reminded TM members that the district submitted nine options to the MSBA, which agreed that one model school on Scoticut Neck Road was the town's most cost effective, fiscally responsible option to meet the needs of all elementary school children. He outlined the steps and votes taken since TM in May, and emphasized that all concerned local boards and the MSBA voted to support this option.

"Town Meeting represents the voters of Fairhaven," said Dr. Baldwin, and asked that TM members vote to send the question to the ballot box for "all the voters to make the final decision."

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch emphasized that the general election vote would be for a debt exclusion and not an override of Prop. 2 1/2. He said a debt exclusion is for a "sole reason." When the debt is retired, it comes off the property tax. An override is forever, or until reversed in a similar vote.

In his worst case scenario, the tax burden, with a 4%, 20-year loan, would be \$100.61 for the first year, and \$58.13 in the last year on the average house worth \$270,000. He said most loans are hovering around the 3% range for these types of projects. The highest average (at 4% loan) would be \$79.35, for a 20-year tax assessment of \$1,587 total.

Mr. Osuch also explained that Fairhaven's project, for a 77,000 square foot building, was more than \$60 less per SF than the nearest project that the MSBA approved on the day they voted for Fairhaven's.

He said he was confident that the town could "easily beat that figure," because the new school is based on the same design as the East Fairhaven School.

"I think it's our future," said Mr. Osuch. "I strongly recommend you support [it]."

Pamela Kuechler, School Committee Chair and member of the School

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Eileen M. Lowney, Fairhaven
Town Clerk, 508-979-4025



Denise Washko speaks in favor of the one school option at Fairhaven's Special Town Meeting on 10/25. Photo by Beth David.

Building Committee, took her turn at the podium to say that Fairhaven is lucky to have so many people who feel passionate about the future.

"I ask you to focus that passion on that future," said Ms. Kuechler, adding that the solution solves the problem both educationally and economically for the next 50 years.

She said as a taxpayer struggling since she was laid off, she believes it is the most fiscally responsible solution and in the best interests of the town and students.

"What a gift to give this town. What an opportunity to give it," she said.

"This is a town-wide decision, and the town should have the right to vote on it," said Finance Committee

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Quotable Quotes

I haven't been known for brevity.
[Earl Faunce]

Relax Mr. Roderiques.
[Moderator Mark Sylvia to the
FinCom chair when the vote to
increase retirement benefits failed.
Mr. Roderiques had argued
for a no vote.]

With five seconds to spare. [The
moderator, when the petitioners
supporting the one-school option
finished their presentation]

We're talking about chicken feed
here. I don't think \$30,000 is going
to break anybody. [Ron Labrecque
arguing to increase the COLA
base rate for retirees.
The measure failed.]

No, I will not start your time until
you start your presentation [The
moderator while Pat Elliott waited
for the projector to warm up]

Is that kind of like the lottery? [TM
member trying to understand how
the new school would be funded]

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Chairperson John Roderiques. "The decision for this belongs in the hands of the voters of Fairhaven."

The Finance Committee was the only board that was split in its vote on the measure. Speaking for the minority, FinCom member Padraic Elliott disputed some of the previous speakers' assertions. He said five members of the FinCom voted "no" for three main reasons: class sizes would increase; they disputed the renovation cost estimates, and they wanted to keep neighborhood schools.

Mr. Elliott said that the MSBA based the new school on birth rates and other data that cannot be counted on. He said the birth rate could increase.

"We need to keep in mind the whole picture before we consider reducing capacity," said Mr. Elliott, contending that the current situation allows for more flexibility.

"Let's renovate the two schools with the MSBA," he said, and pointed out that the town of Carver had three chances with the MSBA, not the one and only chance that proponents insist Fairhaven has.

"A no vote is not a vote to do nothing," said Mr. Elliott. "It's to create a renovation plan."

A handful of town meeting members spoke on both sides of the issue, with some on both sides urging that the voters get a chance to decide.

Denise Washko said she did not take the word of anyone, but took the time to do her own research, coming to the conclusion that the one-school option is the best.

Barbara Acksen, however, drew on her experience as a psychologist to decide against the consolidation.

"This is a bad project," said Ms. Acksen, stressing that class sizes would increase and that she never heard an educator say "it's a goal to increase class size."

Ms. Acksen also reiterated the claim that the voters do not have all the information they need to make an informed decision.

Gayla M.D. Reilly said the Wood School was rated as a 9 of 10, the Rogers an 8, and the larger EFS a 6. She said it was clear that larger schools equal a lower rate. She also said class sizes would increase, regardless of the birth rate, because

"the school we're about to build is already too small."

One member asked how the state could guarantee the money. Mr. Osuch explained that 1% of the state sales tax is reserved for the MSBA.

"Is that kind of like the lottery," asked the TM member.

Stephanie Long, who is not a TM member, but was given permission to speak, asked why the ballot question was a simple up or down vote instead of offering two options.

"The MSBA will only fund one project. That's what this process is all about," said Mr. Roderiques. "Despite what people think."

"We should move forward. This has been researched to death," said TM member John Pond, adding that the project offers the most "bang for the buck. I don't like the spending, but..."



Gayle M.D. Reilly speaks against the one school option at Fairhaven's Special Town Meeting on 10/25. Photo by Beth David.

In the end the vote easily reached the 2/3 threshold necessary for a borrowing article.

The issue will now go to voters in a general election on Wed., 11/2.

Town meeting also discussed the possibility of raising the base rate for COLA increases for town retirees from \$12,000 to \$13,000. Speaking on behalf of the measure, Earl Faunce said the increase is only on the first \$13,000 of the benefits and amounts to a total of \$30,000 per year cost to the town.

"I firmly, honestly believe that our retirees are worth that extra money," said Mr. Faunce.

Mr. Roderiques, however, argued that the article should not be decided at a special town meeting, but should

wait until the annual TM when the town would have the figures for FY13 spending.

"We will have to find the money. There's no reason we can't wait until May," said Mr. Roderiques. "This is \$30,000 a year forever."

Ronald Labrecque spoke in favor of the article saying the town's budget is "millions and millions" of dollars.

"We're talking about chicken feed here," said Mr. Labrecque. "I don't think \$30,000 is going to break anybody."

Members voted to indefinitely postpone the measure.

Moderator Mark Sylvia reminded TM members that, due to redistricting based on the 2010 census, all members would have to run for re-election, whether or not their terms are up in 2012.

He also asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to review Town Meeting rules and regulations, some of which date back to the 1940s.

- In other business town meeting
- Authorized the BPW to borrow up to \$716,000 to finish the anaerobic digester project. Public Works Superintendent Vinnie Furtado, Jr., told members that there were not "necessarily" errors in the project, but that there had been a "snag," which he blamed on "field conditions."
 - Approved \$60,000 for the tree warden to buy a new wood chipper.
 - Approved \$1,700 in utilities for the Emergency Management Agency, which recently moved into the former Council on Aging building on Sconticut Neck Road.
 - Approved \$5,000 for a vehicle for the new Public Works Superintendent.
 - Approved a restructuring of the \$190,000 to restore gables and stained glass windows at Fairhaven High School. The money was appropriated from Community Preservation funds at the Annual TM in May, but the amounts taken from various accounts were inaccurate.
 - Approved a CPC request for \$6,500 for the Fairhaven Housing Authority to hire a development consultant to study uses for the recently acquired property on Main Street adjacent to Oxford Terrace
 - Approved a request by the COA to transfer \$15,000 from the social day account for the program.●●●

Readers illuminate differences on school consolidation

From the Superintendent

Former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil stated that "everyone is entitled to their opinion but not their own facts."

The following are facts regarding the educational program and fiscal impact of the school building project.

Analysis of reliable data projecting as far as 2016-2017, shows that the proposed classrooms in the new school meet and in some cases exceed the district's class size goals and the MSBA class size guidelines.

The approval of the new school would allow each and every elementary student in our district the same opportunities that the students are receiving at the new East Fairhaven School at 36.5 cents on the dollar.

Renovating old and tired buildings and bringing them up to code is costly and does not address the educational program. A no vote means that the existing conditions at the Wood and Rogers School will remain as is.

Please visit our school's website at www.fairhavenps.org to see a virtual tour of the existing conditions in the words of the two building principals. Simply click Town Meeting Building Project Facts and proceed to Existing Conditions.

The project reimbursement rate is 63.5%. The reimbursement rate includes a total of 8.08 incentive points which include 1.08 points for maintenance, 5.0 points for Model Schools, and 2.0 points for Energy Efficiency.

The new model school at the Wood School site is the least expensive solution that addresses the educational program for all students. The life span of the new model school at the Wood School site is a minimum of 50 years. Expending \$9,662,736 is a long-term solution for the town that addresses the educational program for all students in the most fiscally responsible manner.

A Debt Exclusion is a specific amount of money (\$9,662,736) for a specific project (new model school on the Wood School site) for a specific period of time (20 years). The average cost to the taxpayer for the new school debt is based upon a 20 year declining repayment. The Average Cost per Year to the taxpayer will be between \$70.00 and \$75.00 throughout the 20-year life of the project.

There are currently two school Debt Exclusions that impact the town tax rate. In 2013, the School Debt Effect on the Tax Rate will be \$99.90 for Fairhaven High School and \$89.10 on the East Fairhaven School for a total of \$189.00.

The Fairhaven High School Debt is paid off on June 15, 2017 (Fiscal Year 2017). In 2018, the total effect on the tax rate will be \$165.00. The School Debt Effect on the taxpayer will continue to decline from that point forward.

All town officials have the town's best interest at heart. The new model school at the Wood School site is the least expensive solution that provides all elementary school children with equitable educational opportunities.

It is imperative that all taxpayers are able to access factual information so they can make their decision. Please feel free to access this information at www.fairhavenps.org and click Town Meeting Building Project Facts.

*Robert Baldwin Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

New School could hurt performance and property values

It seems that there are many questions still left about the proposed Wood/Rogers consolidation and whether that is a move to which we should commit our town for at least the next 50 years. Some recent arguments put forth in support of a new school claim consolidation is the right thing to do if we care about our property values. As most realtors can attest, when people are looking at schools as a deciding factor in where to buy a home, they really care about things like reputation, performance, proximity, school size, class size, teacher/student ratio, and sense of community. Age of the school building is usually further down the list of priorities.

According to three of the main websites used to rate schools that are used regularly by potential home buyers (www.greatschools.org, www.schooldigger.com, www.education.com), Wood and Rogers have very admirable performance ratings that rank them as two of the state's top public elementary schools. East Fairhaven School (EFS) scores a 6 out

of 10 which is better than last year's score of 5, so they are improving as reported. Rogers gets an 8 out of 10; Wood gets a 9 out of 10.

What factors are involved to create this disparity other than school size? How many years would it take to "rebuild" the school performance for students involved in a Wood/Rogers consolidation? EFS has been in place now for four years. It seems risky to vote for a new school based on what we do know about how to maximize school performance. Backsliding would certainly be no bargain for the district or our property values.

As the superintendent also points out, EFS is "underutilized" and will be able to handle any excess students that a new Wood model school wouldn't be able to accommodate.

Since a new school would be built for dozens fewer children than we currently have in both Rogers and Wood, EFS class sizes will increase further. EFS already has higher class sizes. How much larger do class sizes at EFS need to get before a new classroom is opened. It is unclear but the writing seems to be on the wall.

Sometimes ensuring "equality for all" means that we set the bar lower for everyone. Let's not risk losing the gains being made at EFS and the current excellent performance we have at Wood and Rogers.

Do your own research — check the websites. If you have an opinion on what is best for Fairhaven, please exercise your right to vote on Nov. 2nd. Let's not push through a project that could have a long-term negative impact. We have better options for our town than consolidating once again.

Christopher Andersen, Fairhaven

You can make a difference

John Fitzgerald Kennedy once said that "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try." On November 2, 2011, the citizens of Fairhaven will have the opportunity to vote on what the future holds for our Wood and Rogers Elementary Schools. I am encouraged to hear that this new school is NOT A DONE DEAL, and would like to express what I think.

I am a retired Naval Officer who believes everyone is entitled to all the facts; not misinformation; not mis-

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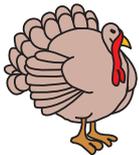
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By M.L. Baron
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Low-fying craft are harbingers of trouble

With orange stakes placed in the ground and seeing low flying aircraft banking over, obviously taking pictures, you know somebody is up to something. That was the scenario I saw as I routinely walked along the West Island Town Beach back in 1986.

As a Sciticut Neck farm boy in the late 1930s, my father waded cows to the island to graz.

I immediately called my long time friend and Board of Public Works member David Szeliga. I told him that we have to find out what's going on on the east side of the island.

Sure enough, developers where surveying over 350 acres of pristine land to build over 100 homes.

Upon this confirmation, I told Dave who was a naturalist as well, "How in the hell can we stop these guys from bulldozing half of the island into oblivion?"

This was a monumental, uphill battle going against all odds.

We organized along with others and formed a grass roots group given the simple name of Save West Island Inc. I was appointed publicity director. I designed the seagull logo and produced the promotional video. We even had a coloring contest for the kids about West Island Town Beach, and awarded prizes.

The so called "Massachusetts Miracle" that presidential candidate Governor Michael Dukakis heralded to the media was quickly fleeing.

The timing was disastrous for our endeavor.

Without the state to back us up

with funding to purchase the property from Realty Transfer of New Jersey the destruction of more than half the island to development was at the threshold.

The clock was indeed ticking against us.

Negative elements said it couldn't be done and that our group was involved in a hopeless endeavor.

We were laughed at as a bunch of tree-hugging political fanatics. We actually had a display booth at the Homecoming Day Fair in the pouring rain and a man approached us and laughed and said, "You'll never save West Island."

But our resolve never faltered, if anything, it became even stronger. Save West Island bumper stickers were seen as far away as Worcester. We couldn't keep up with the demand for t-shirts and promotional videos. After almost two years of lobbying, fund-raising and hard work by our group, it became "politically correct" for those who hesitated to finally join in and support our cause.

Then a long-awaited urgent message was received. In December of 1988 the Save West Island newsletter announced that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had concluded an agreement for the purchase and acquisition of over 353 acres of pristine wetlands and forestry on West Island for 1.6 million dollars.

It was one of the largest conservation land acquisitions in the region's history since the days of the pilgrims. Tears of joy, disbelief, and relief befell the membership at the final meeting of Save West Island Inc. at the Fairhaven Town Hall.

Today the land is known as The West Island State Reservation dedicated to my late dear friend and compatriot David L. Szeliga who died unexpectedly in 2002 at 50 years old.

Dave Szeliga was well known for the breeding of Golden Retrievers. He had customers from all over the country with his business "Fairlane Golden Retrievers." Dave would often take his pups to local elderly homes for what he called "pet therapy," much to the enjoyment of the residents. His assistant was his son, Ross. Dave was also an avid fisherman in local fresh water streams.



An aerial view of West Island facing west in 1994. To learn more about the 353 acre wildlife reservation (foreground), visit the West Island State Reservation web site at www.westislandweather.com/westislandreservation.htm ML Baron archive photo.

He tragically lost his home with treasured collectibles and memorabilia by fire in early 2000 and was injured. He never lost his love for The West Island State Reservation.

The island reservation is a habitat for common, rare, resident and migratory birds. More information on the island's birds can be found at The State Reservation web site and at westislandweather.com/westislandreservation.htm.

Save West Island Inc. received the distinguished National Award "A" from the Audubon Society for "Excellence in Environmental Action."

Special credit goes to our prior membership which included Fred Ryan as President of the group, Ruth and Bill Galary of the former Fairhaven Free Press, and Senator Biff MacLean.

This article is dedicated to the late Rev. Lewis Hannigan, Badge #1, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.



Dave Szeliga, founder of Save West Island, was well known for the breeding of Golden Retrievers. Dave would often take his pups to local elderly homes for what he called "pet therapy." He was also an avid fisherman in local fresh water streams. Photo from the archives of ML Baron.

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Tues., 11/1, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

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

Board of Public Works

Mon. 11/7, Arsene St., 6:00 p.m.

Community Preservation DATE CORRECTION

Thurs., 11/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

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

Cultural Council

Mon., 11/7, Nemasket Bldg., 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/9, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Wed., 11/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Special election

For debt exclusion vote, Wed., 11/2

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 11/7, Comm. Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

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

School Committee

Tues. 11/1, FMS, 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/7, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Special Meeting – Postmaster

Mon., 11/7, Ford Middle Sch. 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers
Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

October 2011		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	27	0839	2102	0142*	1437*
Friday	28	0930	2154	0230*	1528*
Saturday	29	1023	2248	0318*	1619*
Sunday	30	1118	2344	0406*	1711
Monday	31	----	1216	0456	1809
November 2011		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	1	0013	1240	0528	1816
Friday	2	0107	1333	0650	1915
Saturday	3	0201	1428	0838	2010
Sunday	4	0256	1522	0933	2056
Monday	5	0350	1615	1013	2138
Tuesday	6	0441	1703	1049	2219
Wednesda	7	0526	1746	1127	2300

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

Fairhaven Flu Clinics vaccinate 437

The Fairhaven Board of Health and Fairhaven Community Nurse & Hospice Care held flu clinics at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Oct. 11 & 18, when 437 people were vaccinated. More than 75 were under

the age of 18.

"We've [vaccinated] over 75 youth under the age of 18, which we love, because they are basically new to the clinic and are perhaps the biggest carriers of the flu during the season,"

said Fairhaven Health Agent Patricia Fowle.

The town has some vaccine left, and individuals may call the Board of Health office at 508-979-4022 to make an appointment to be vaccinated.



The Fairhaven Board of Health and Fairhaven Community Nurse & Hospice Care held flu clinics on Oct. 11 & 18. More than 430 people were vaccinated. ABOVE: Drew Diggins can't get his flu shot without holding his son's hand on Oct. 18 at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. "Oooooo," cried Drew as Denise Valois, RN, administered the shot. TOP RIGHT: Sydney Mueda gets her flu shot from Beverly Quintin RN. Sydney told the Neighbor News it didn't even hurt. BOTTOM RIGHT: Flynn Bourgault watches intently as Barbara Connley, RN, gives him his shot. Photos taken on October 18 by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Legal Notices/Public Hearings

Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petitions:

1. Sheldon Hill for Francisca Zucchero 19 Fishermans Road Plat 43A, Lot 252 Certificate #11673
198-18 Short 11' of the required 30' front setback, short 10' on the east side and 2' on the west side of the required 20' side setback and 3% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% all in a RR District.
2. Bernard J. Ristuccia 24 Nelson Avenue Plat 43, Lots 37-38 Book 9498, Page 120
198-18 Short 15' of the required 30' rear setback, 7% over the maximum allowed building coverage of 15% and 4% over the maximum allowed lot coverage of 25% all within a RR District.
Special Permit A Special Permit is required for expansion of use of a

non-conforming lot.

3. Sharon Bates, Ruth Street Realty Trust 4 Ruth Street Plat 43, Lots 140, 141, 142 Book 6846, Page 56
Special Permit A Special Permit is required for expansion of use of a non-conforming lot.
4. Antonio F & Valentina L. DaCunha 8 Windward Way Plat 29, Lot 2C Book 7806, Page 277
198-18 Short 10' of the required 20' North side setback in a RR District.

Continued:

1. Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. 206 Mill Road Plat 36, Lot 11 Book 9475, Page 129
198-16 A Special Permit is required for construction of a hospital in a RR District.
198-18 12' over the maximum allowed height of 35' in a RR District.
Very Truly, Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Fairhaven Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the

Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on November 8, 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 application. 1) **Special Permit**, the applicant, Waterstone Retail Development, is requesting Special Permit approval, for a new 15,015 SF retail building with associated parking and landscaping. The location of the property is, 114-116 Huttleston Avenue, Map 25, Lots 240 & 240B.

A copy of the application is 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

Residents talk about neighborhood improvement options

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Several residents attended the 10/19 Town Hall meeting to review preliminary design for the Main Street/Park Street Improvement Plans. The Town sought input as it gears up to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) infrastructure application due 12/16/11. The CDBG project consists of replacing older water and sewer mains in the street, removing and replacing curbing, repaving, and improving the streetscape with new trees, lighting and furnishings for Main Street and Park Street between Huttleston Avenue and Bridge Street.

At issue was whether several large oak trees lining the east side should be removed and replaced with new trees set further away from sewer ties-ins.

Michael Carter, P.E. and president of GCG Associates, Inc., presented several options for improvements. One included shifting the center island on Park Street to the west by six feet to save the trees. Driveways on the east side would be extended six feet to meet the new road location. However, none of the residents present thought that would be beneficial.

"The center island is visually in line with the high school now," said Kevin Costa of 9 Huttleston Avenue, speaking in favor of leaving the island in its current location.

Albert F. Benac, 44 Summer Street, said that the trees could be taken down.

"You'll need to take them out anyway," he said.

Mr. Benac had walked the area and provided photographs of the street at the meeting. He spoke in opposition to reducing the width of the area between the curb and the property line.

However, Fairhaven Planning & Economic Development Director William Roth pointed out that narrowing the street would actually increase the area between the curb and the property lines, leaving about

two feet more for green space for new tree plantings.

"These large street trees have over-grown into the curb, causing problems with it and with the sewer. We can't meet ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] if we put in new sidewalks. Three or four trees may have to come out," explained Mr. Roth.

Harry Grinnell, who lives at 3 Park Street, agreed.

"The trees are busting up the sidewalk and clogging the sewer lines," he said.

"Trees are a problem," said Dennis Barrett, church pastor of Victory Baptist Church at 5 Park Street. "We're the ones that deal with it. I've spent about \$800 a year unplugging the sewer line [of the church] because of them."

Leasa Grinnell, also of 3 Park Street, asked if the sewer line into the house will be replaced.

Typically the Town will replace service lines to the back of the sidewalk. But because the oak trees' roots on Park Street are entangled in the sewer services, repairs to service lines leading to the homes and church will be replaced where they break when the trees come down, said Mr. Carter. That may mean replacing sewer service on private property and they will need permission to do so.

The option favored by the residents was a new street layout with four foot sidewalks adjacent to the property lines, a four-foot green space to curbing, a nine-foot parking aisle, and twelve-foot travel aisles on either side of the center island.



Fairhaven residents in the target area for the Community Development Block Grant try to look thoughtful and natural for the local free rag as they discuss the grant application with Fairhaven Planning Director William Roth. L-R: Mr. Roth, Harry Grinnell, Leasa Grinnell, and Kevin Costa reviewing Park Street plans on 10/19/11. Photo by Joyce Rowley. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

The narrower street will mean that churchgoers will not be able to park on both sides of the east side of the island. However, Mr. Barrett said that the church recognized that had been a problem in the past and he discouraged his parishioners from doing that.

"The fire department convinced me that they may need to get an ambulance through and couldn't with cars parked on both sides," said Mr. Barrett.

He also asked if the power lines and other overhead utilities could be placed underground.

Mr. Roth said that was not in the plans, but the Town routinely notifies the utility companies that the work is underway so they can plan to replace their underground lines as needed. On Spring Street, NSTAR is replacing gas lines prior to paving.

The application will be submitted by 12/16/11. The funding is allocated by the state in April 2012, but typically the notice of the grant award is not received until July. If the project goes as well as the previous six projects, bids will go out on receipt of the award notice, and the contract will be awarded in November 2012. Mr. Roth said it would take about a year to complete. •••



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BPW refuses to return deposit to contractor

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works signed off on two projects at its 10/17 meeting, but refused to return a deposit to August Backhoe.

Fairhaven contractor Joe August's request for return of an \$800 road patch deposit did not get approved. Mr. August said he had put a temporary patch over utility work he had performed for Mr. Pease, the property owner of 169 New Boston Road. Mr. August put up the \$800 deposit last year because the property owner refused.

"He said to me, 'Joe, I want you to call the town and tell them how much of a thieving bastard you are,'" said Mr. August, recounting how the property owner responded to posting \$800.00 for a deposit. "You know what I told him? I said 'Thank you very much.'"

When Mr. August called to get the money back, Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau responded that the sidewalk was damaged. As for getting the money back from the property owner, Mr. August said that "the kid that owned the house is a little scoundrel."

"I just want my \$800 back. The Town took \$800 off me," said Mr. August.

Kathy Tripp, BPW's administrative assistant, said that when the asphalt plants are closed, a homeowner can put up a deposit for a permanent patch so that the Town has a guarantee it will be completed. Mr. August said he was not hired to do the final patch, and instead the Town hired Fairhaven Excavating.

Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau said that the sidewalk was scratched during the work, and that's why the money would not be returned. Mr. August repeatedly denied having damaged the sidewalks. Mr. Charbonneau said it was unfortunate that he had put up the money, since the Town had to retain it to repair the sidewalk.

BPW member Daniel Freitas suggested that it was a civil matter between Mr. August and the property owner and Mr. August could pursue it through the small claims court. Other members agreed.

"I know you're an honest guy," said Vice-chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson. "I think your only recourse is

to go to small claims court or the building inspector. You made the mistake of being a good guy and putting up \$800."

"Nice people finish last, Joe. This is going to be a civil matter and you'll have to take him to small claims court," BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant said.

The BPW unanimously voted to deny the request, but to prepare a letter for Mr. August that it is normally the home owner's responsibility to deposit the money for a road patch permit.

In other business Stephen Gendron's request for a drainlayer's permit was approved unanimously after a brief discussion. Mr. Gendron said that he had been in business 20 years and previously did work in Fairhaven.

The BPW unanimously approved use of Cushman Park for the

He said to me, "Joe, I want you to call the town and tell them how much of a thieving bastard you are." [Joe August]

Fairhaven Bicentennial Family Fun Day proposed for next July 14th. The Bicentennial Committee requested use of the entire park for the day, including the tennis and basketball courts. Member Steven Riley asked that the Bicentennial Committee post notice in the local newspapers so residents know that courts will not be available to them that weekend.

The board also discussed how to provide adequate trash disposal. They decided that the town's small dump truck would be left on site for the committee's use.

The BPW unanimously approved the Fairhaven High School Bonfire for November 23rd at Cushman Park, but not without concerns on clean up. Ms. Tripp said a complaint was registered by the softball league about nails in the infield. Mr. Charbonneau said BPW workers routinely scour the area with metal detectors after the bonfire and last

year pulled two five-gallon buckets of nails out of the dirt. The nails come the wooden pallets that are burned. Mr. Riley suggested the area be dug up to a depth of five inches, cleaned after the bonfire and then the material replaced. However, the area is about 20 feet in diameter making that option too expensive.

The board signed off on two projects, including an agreement for engineering design of the FY2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Main Street Project with GCG Associates in the amount of \$23,650. The Board had previously voted to approve the expenditure of up to \$30,000.

The Board also signed off on the Marsh Island Salt Marsh Restoration Agreement with NOAA. Ms. Sturtevant asked if the Riverside Cemetery was in agreement with the document, however Ms. Tripp said that the cemetery association have their own agreement. Mr. Haworth noted that there had been numerous meetings on the issues and that Town Counsel had signed off on the document.

The BPW unanimously approved an agreement for a traffic study review of Southcoast Healthcare's traffic analysis in siting their proposed expansion on Mill Road. The estimate for the work was \$2,500 with a \$1,000 contingency for meetings. Southcoast Healthcare has already deposited \$3,000 for the review, and will be required to deposit another \$500.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado reported that Howland Road would get a top coat in the beginning of November 2011, but that Bridge Street would not be finished until April 2012. He also said that he had discussed Scoticut Neck line painting with the police, and they had supported the idea. Mr. Charbonneau will get prices for the work to be submitted at Town Meeting in the spring.

Mr. Furtado also said that with the Board's permission he would begin paring down the number of engineers that the town hires. He suggested sending out letters to engineering firms that had done work with the town over the past several years to let them know the town does not have additional work for them. Mr. Riley

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Elementary school tours highlight deficiencies

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven School District opened up the three elementary schools to the public on Saturday, 10/22, to show the deficiencies in the Rogers and Wood Schools and tout the advantages of the new East Fairhaven School. The town is set to vote on Wed., 11/2, for a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion to fund a new model school at the Wood School site. The \$26,656,000 building will consolidate the student populations of Rogers and Wood at the Wood School site. Town Meeting voted on 10/25, to authorize the spending.

On Saturday, opponents of the measure complained that they were not allowed on the Wood School property with their signs. Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson and School Committee member Brian Monroe said that anyone was allowed to tour the schools and state his or her opinion, but no lobbying from either side was allowed.

Outside on the sidewalk, Lisa Plante and her children held signs saying "renovate" Wood and Rogers Schools.

They were joined by resident and Town Meeting member Gayla M.D. Reilly, who said she came to conclude that the new larger school was a bad idea after careful consideration, and that "many, many factors" influenced her decision.

"I believe small schools are better for our children," said Ms. Reilly. "I don't believe in busing little children. Bullying on buses is not something we should be subjecting our school

kids to."

She also said that she believed the Mass. School Building Authority would pay to renovate the schools one at a time.

Mr. Reilly said the way the economy is now with all the houses for sale and high unemployment, that the town should not be taking on more debt.

"I'm a property owner and I don't want to pay more. I'm appalled that the school committee has let the local elementary schools go into such a state of disrepair," said Ms. Reilly. "It's appalling, it's unacceptable that they let it happen to the children."

Inside, Ms. Hartley-Matteson pointed out the deficiencies in the building including: occupational and physical therapy are held behind office partitions instead of in a private area; the nurse's office is in the teacher's room; the music teacher's office is in the kitchen storage area; music lessons are held in a storage closet; art teachers roll their supplies on a cart and share the gym or cafeteria with the music department.

The new school would have designated rooms for those classes and activities, as well as a full kitchen. Meals are prepared at the Hastings Middle School and transported to Wood and Rogers schools.

At the Rogers School, principal Wendy Williams and School Committee Chairperson Pamela Kuechler, pointed out the leaks and other problems with the building that was given to the town in 1885 by town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers.

Boys' and girls' bathrooms are



The girls' sink is a match to the boys' sink at the Rogers Elementary School. Voters in Fairhaven face a ballot question to build a new school to consolidate the Rogers and Wood Schools. Photo by Beth David. See more photos of the Rogers and Wood Schools on our Facebook page.

outdated, and to get there, boys have to pass by the boiler room and a particularly frightening vent that hisses when the boiler is on. Kindergarten classes use portable buildings that require going outside for lunch.

As with the Wood School, areas for all special education and special needs students are tucked away in storage areas and shared spaces.

After touring the Rogers School, Dick and Diane Clark had no doubt left that a new school was the only way to fix the problems.

"The conditions here are deplorable," said Ms. Clark. "It's much worse than I ever imagined."

Mr. Clark compared it to his schooling in the 1940s and said his experience was "far better than what these kids have to contend with." He said a new school would "bring our kids right up to date."

Mr. Clark said that even in the 1940s he did not have to worry about over-heated or under-heated rooms.

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Selectboard to hold hearing to revoke liquor license

By Beth David

Editor

At a brief meeting for the special Town Meeting on 10/25, the Fairhaven Selectboard decided to hold a hearing to revoke the liquor license held by Peking Palace, which closed its Fairhaven location. Because the license has been inactive, it may not be sold or transferred.

In another matter, the board decided to ask the owners of Fairhaven Getty to appear before them to clarify how many cars the garage is allowed to have on the lot. Abutter AAA Auto wrote a letter to the board complaining that Fairhaven Getty had violated their permit by

having too many cars.

Selectboard member Brian Bowcock said a review of the license would be due in November anyway. He said the new owners may not be aware of the restrictions, and may also request to have their permit changed to allow more cars.

The board denied a request by Footlights Repertory to have all rental fees waived for their performances scheduled at Town Hall in November. Because the company is a for-profit, the board decided they should pay the rental fee on performance nights.

"It's part of doing business," said Dr. Bowcock.

The board did vote to waive the fee on rehearsal nights. The group will pay for custodial fees for all nights.

In other business the board:

- Approved a request by the Bicentennial Committee to use the Town Hall Banquet room for a fundraising event on Sat., Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Unanimously adopted a new anti-harassment policy for employees.
- Approved a permit to move a modular home to 31 Brook Drive. All appropriate departments have already approved the permit.
- Decided to discuss in executive session a letter from Rod Taylor regarding his aquaculture license.

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communication, but all the facts. When I witness an injustice has been done, I believe it is my responsibility to speak up.

I attended a small meeting at the West Island Community Center recently. At the meeting, I asked if the Fairhaven School District had a plan-B if the town was to vote No to the school consolidation. The Superintendent, Dr. Baldwin, chose to answer the question. I was disappointed in the manner of his response and it was apparent that he was having difficulty managing his anger. He then responded that the town does not have a choice to vote "No."

As a United States Veteran, I have spent twenty years of my life protecting this country so we could have the freedoms that are outlined in the U.S. Constitution. One of the most important values is the freedom to vote and to disagree with our elected and appointed officials when necessary. I firmly believe that this is what our country was founded on.

I am proud to say we live in a democracy, not a dictatorship, and it is our right to vote the way we choose. Whether it is for or against the consolidation, it is the election process that has the final say.

So, once again, my question to you Dr. Baldwin is, if the town of Fairhaven chooses to vote No on the consolidation of the Wood and Rogers School what is your plan-B? What are our options?

Well, we know if we vote this down the School Building Committee has 120 days to develop a plan-B. We also know that towns like Carver took it to a town vote 3 times before their School Building Committee listened to the public to renovate.

Apparently that was their taxpayers' choice and it seems the majority is happy with their decision. In a recession, it makes better sense to look at a plan-B instead of simply throwing away the state dollars because you did not get the plan you wanted. It is hard for me to justify paying higher taxes for fewer teachers, more busing and bigger classes. If my tax dollars are going up, I want a quality investment.

The one thing that remains unclear to me is whether MSBA will consider renovating the Rogers School and adding an addition to the Wood School to allow for music, art and

special services rooms that are required.

Personally, I could never support a plan that excludes our citizens in the decision making process. I live my life today based on placing principles before personalities and believe the town voting population will do the right thing for our community and especially our children.

Once again, I encourage the voting majority of Fairhaven to execute their right to vote "No" on the consolidation without the fear of retaliation at the election which is scheduled for November 2, 2011.

Gayla M.D. Reilly, LT, US Navy, (Ret.)

New school vote will create "major positives"

The consequences of voting YES for the new model elementary school in Fairhaven will have major positives that no other option could provide. If approved, the new school will be secured with a 63.5% reimbursement from the state or in other terms, a gift of approximately 15 million dollars.

The new school will also provide us with the most cost-effective and energy-efficient solution. If approved, the new school would end inadequate classroom spaces and eliminate ongoing expensive repairs to old and outdated buildings.

The new model elementary school proposal will basically provide the Town of Fairhaven with real solutions and not costly band-aids on old schools that have many structural constraints.

Finally, it is important to mention that the new elementary school proposal has the rare support of all of the appropriate town boards and committees, including elected and appointed town officials, along with their department heads. The School Committee, the School Building Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Executive Secretary, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Building Inspector, and all five Fairhaven school principals support this proposal.

I cannot remember when a proposal of this magnitude has acquired the overwhelming support of and by the people we ask to study and advise us on issues that affect our town.

This overwhelming support speaks volumes for the viability and

practicality of the one school recommendation. I wholeheartedly add my full support and confidence to the new elementary school proposal.

I urge all the voters of Fairhaven to vote for the only prudent solution.

Vote YES.

All the best, Mark Badwey, Fairhaven

Instead of answers, the runaround

It has been well over a year since the whole school consolidation controversy in Fairhaven became a part of my life. I oppose the school consolidation.

I have no political ambitions. I joined the discussion as a concerned parent and town resident with passion for architecture and background in education (I graduated from Charles University in Prague with a Masters degree in Psychology and Education).

I went to nearly all school building committee meetings (SBC), and when I saw that my questions fell on deaf ears there, I branched out and attended several School Committee meetings, Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings.

When I complained to the Board of Selectmen about SBC planning to abandon Rogers School because of its disrepair, while in fact it is the town's responsibility to upkeep their historical buildings, I was told to go to the school committee which is "the landlord" of all the school buildings.

I asked the School Committee for a written report showing why Rogers School would have to be closed by the Fire Chief and I was referred to the Fire Department. Hmm...If you have a house and the Fire Chief publicly declares he will close it in two years unless... wouldn't you want a written report? Of course you would. Why didn't the School Committee have one then?

I went to a Finance Committee meeting and brought to their attention that a local craftsman that has worked on many slate roofs in the town including the Millicent library had estimated the repair of the slate roof of the old Rogers school building at \$10,000, a fraction of the \$200,000 that was estimated by the study commissioned by SBC. I still remember how some members of the committee and some of the town officials present at the meeting

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laughed.

They made comments like, "He wanted to use a fire ladder to get up there. You can't do that with a public building!"

Funny. Recently, I was going through newspaper articles that I had saved and I found an issue of *The Advocate* from July 14, 2011. There on the page A4 you will see two pictures of a fire ladder being extended to the top of the roof of Millicent Library with a proud headline: "Terra cotta tiles being repaired at the library."

How is one building so different from another? Why is it if the library needs repairs we can use the resources we have and come up with ingenious ways of fixing the problem, but we can't do it with our school? Why is it if a tile falls off of the roof at our town hall we fix that roof but if a tile falls off the roof at Rogers we build a fence around it? Could it be the landlord?

Why, when looking for answers as a resident, do you get this runaround and find many of the same people sitting on different committees and boards?

Well, it is said: people have the government they deserve. I believe I deserve a lot better.

Monika Whalley, Fairhaven

We Live In a Democratic Society. Yes, We Do Have A Choice

I recently watched the televised program that was held at the West Island Improvement Association where Dr. Baldwin said quite firmly that the voters in the town of Fairhaven do not have a choice regarding the one school issue. The Yes vote is it. What? It is his way or no way? We live in a democratic society. We do have the right to vote according to our conscience. We do have a choice. We have either a YES vote, or a NO vote.

Dr. Baldwin is passionate about his opinion. So are the concerned parents. No appointed or elected official can dictate to the public how to vote. It is our right and responsibility to vote according to our conscience.

Both sides have presented the facts. It is up to the public to make their decision based on what they have heard, seen, and want to believe.

Either the public will agree to foot the bill or they won't. Voting is our democratic right.

The majority will rule.

Dr. Baldwin said that he has worked for five years on this issue regarding one school on the Wood site versus renovating and upgrading the historic Rogers School and the Wood School. The meetings with the input of the parents started a year ago and it was at one of the first meetings that a representative of the MSBA encouraged both groups to work together to come up with something that would be in the best interest for both parties.

Had the superintendent already made his decision five years ago without the input of the concerned parents?

In my opinion, the Rogers Trust Fund was mismanaged. The Rogers School has been deliberately neglected. According to my minutes of the School Building Committee meetings, the Wood School was in good condition until the last three meetings before the final vote was taken by the SBC.

I am in support of neighborhood schools. I also am in support of renovating and upgrading both Rogers and Wood. If your house needs repairs, you don't knock it down and build a new one. When the Millicent Library no longer accommodated our needs, we worked with the Rogers family. They had a family fundraiser and a new addition was added to the existing structure. When the Fairhaven High School did not measure up, we came together and as a positive thinking group, made the adjustments as needed, an addition, upgrading, and renovating of the old 1906 building. The old and the new have been blended together beautifully.

The SOS [Save Our Schools] group told the SBC what they wanted for their children and backed up their concerns with facts. They did their homework. Their input was ignored.

Our democratic form of government must be respected. We do have a choice. Dr. Baldwin crossed the line on that one. Vote according to your conscience. Vote either YES or NO. The will of the people will prevail.

I am not in favor of one big school on the Wood site. My vote will be NO.

Myra A. Lopes, Concerned Citizen

Approve Fairhaven school for students' future

The Fairhaven children of today and for 50 years to come need our educational support NOW, not later. Yes, our schools do reach the age of 50 years and more, and in the world of today the children need the latest of instruction and education, and it is now our time to give them that opportunity.

True, some of us may not see the complete results of a new school, but those to come should have the same opportunity that others had many years ago. Let us all vote together in supporting the joining of the Rogers and Wood schools, especially when the town will receive aid from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This message comes to you from a person who, at 81 years of life, has seen 52 years of that life being a part of and seeing the progress of Fairhaven children into adulthood.

Let us continue with giving our children the best of an education in a building equipped with what is needed to do so, and these children, in years to come, will then do the same for the next generations.

Natalie S. Hemingway, FHS Class of 1948, Boston University College of Music 1948-1952, Fairhaven School Dept. Music Educator 1965-1993, Fairhaven School Committee 1995-2000

School consolidation will create "haves" and "have nots"

Consolidating Rogers and Wood schools will create a society of haves and have nots in Fairhaven. Current students in the system have smaller class sizes. Future students will have not smaller class sizes but larger ones. That spells trouble for the future quality of education in the town of Fairhaven. That spells trouble for the value of your home if you live here.

Current taxpayer money would be wasted on such a consolidation. "Charity begins at home," and so does fiscal responsibility. Several less expensive options to renovate the existing schools were never presented! How then, is voting yes for a more expensive consolidation fiscally responsible for anyone?

Falling out of the MSBA capital

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pipeline is not even remotely close to the end of the road of opportunity for better school buildings in Fairhaven. There appears to be ample capacity left in the MSBA borrowing/lending to cover future successful applications by towns for school building projects.

Read the MSBA debt management policy online and you can see this for yourself. Stop and think about it! You have plenty of time to make decisions despite what is being told to you.

The question has been asked publicly, "what will you do if this is voted down?" The answer is: Follow a more objective process that considers the real alternatives that exist. Then come up with a truly equitable option for voters instead of the currently half-baked one. We can then apply again to the MSBA.

Don't be rushed into a decision that is simply not equitable for our current and future generations. Don't give into what is nothing more than a "time-share sales pressure" and get "locked in behind the doors" of something you will most likely regret. There is plenty of time to ponder your true options. Give yourself that time by voting No! You will feel much better if you do and the school children of Fairhaven and your future will be much better off.

Trey H. Whalley, Fairhaven

Democracy is the only way in Fairhaven

As you may know, there is a very heated debate boiling in Fairhaven over the proposed consolidation of the Wood and Rogers elementary schools. As Americans we are entitled to a good debate. In fact, freedom of speech is granted to all United States citizens by the Bill of Rights, an American doctrine that has set the

standard for free speech worldwide. It is one of many freedoms granted to us by that historic legislation. These rights essentially form the foundation of a "model" democracy.

Many have served our country to defend such a democracy for all its citizens; for all of us. Many have died in that effort. To our forefathers, protecting democracy was a way of life. They fought for it every day and not just on the battlefield but also at home in their day-to-day living as citizens.

Again at the center of that freedom is the ability to voice a different opinion without fear of consequence — even if it is different than that of the leaders of the time. In fact, many good leaders of our country have evolved while following such a path and subsequently brought our nation out of difficult times.

A true democratic leader recognizes that he or she is actually a servant of the constituency and recognizes that the people have choices as a free society. On the other hand, dictators are leaders who believe they rule supremely. They consider their choice to be the people's choice. They forget that their true power comes from their people. And so, dictators feel insulted by criticism by the populace, they accuse their critics of lying, spreading misinformation, and they call them unethical among other things. Such behavior is the foundation of tyranny. Such behavior is not acceptable in America!

I would hope that the bells of free speech always ring true in this beautiful country and in our beautiful town of Fairhaven.

Mary-Elizabeth Boucher, Fairhaven

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- soon as the company reports it is safe to do so.
- Mr. Donovan also explained the different laws pertaining to providing school transportation on unaccepted roadways. He said it was not an issue in this school year, so the council did not need to debate it
 - Mr. Donovan presented the committee with a proposal to consolidate multiple school policies that pertain to school meetings. The council approved the changes.

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Hastings Middle School student Ben Horsfall started out at the Oxford School, then got transferred to the new East Fairhaven model school.

"It's a good decision to do this [build a new school]," said Ben. "It's just an opportunity for kids to learn in a safe environment."

His mother, Kim Horsfall, is the school nurse. She went from the Oxford to EFS.

"I have a nice office with privacy," she said. "I can have confidential talks with the children." ●●●

area along the Scotic Neck shoreline. He apprehended one of the males, identified as 18-year-old Andrew Simuel of 35 Scotic Neck Road. The second male, later identified as 19-year-old Adam Shervo of 274 Scotic Neck Road, was turned in to police by his father a short time later.

Shervo was arrested by the Fairhaven Police Department on September 13th and charged with 3 counts of breaking and entering, 2 counts of larceny over \$250, 1 count of larceny under \$250, 1 count of breaking and entering into a depository, and malicious destruction of property. He was arrested again on September 29th and charged by the Mattapoisett Police Department for breaking and entering into a depository and destruction of property. He was arraigned for those charges in Wareham District Court.

Both men have been charged with attempting to commit a crime to wit breaking and entering, felony vandalism, possession of burglarious instruments and disorderly conduct. They were arraigned in Third District Court on Friday afternoon.

The Fairhaven Police Department was assisted by members of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department Anticrime Task Force and K-9 units.

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agreed to it provided a letter was only sent out if the firm did not have an ongoing project with the town. Mr. Haworth said that until the town was done with its existing projects, BPW did not want to hire additional engineers.

Mr. Furtado met with UMass regarding the Town's expired NPDES (National Permit for the Discharge and Elimination of Sewage) permit. He said that if the decision is made to require a technology based limit, such as setting the discharge nitrogen level at 3 milligrams per liter, the Town would be forced to make a multi-million dollar renovation to the sewage treatment plant because the technology exists to reach the limit.

If the limit is water quality based, there was a chance the limit might not be as crippling to the Town, he said.

The Board reconvened in executive session to discuss union mediation and the digester project, not to reconvene in open session. ●●●

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- According to National Registry for Historical Preservation the cost of renovation is on average 25% lower than that of a new construction.
- Fairhaven can reapply to the MSBA for funding.

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

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