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Upset! Fairhaven beats Dartmouth on TDay



Fairhaven's Billy Pires snatches a pass away from Dartmouth's Nick Simonetti in the second quarter of the Thanksgiving Day game at Fairhaven High School. Pires ran the ball, and although it didn't end up in a touchdown for FHS, the Blue Devils beat the Indians 21-14 in the upset of the decade. Story and more photos on page 16. *Photo by Beth David. See it 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

It's always something. I think I'm like the hare in the famous race: no matter how far ahead I get, I still end up behind. Geesh.

Anyway, I have a new Thanksgiving tradition. This year was the first year I went to the high school game. Usually I'm cooking something or catching some Z's because I was up late cooking something. This year, though, my nephew Sam Thomas played for Dartmouth High School. He's a senior, so it was my last chance to see him play. I went to the game, camera in hand, of course, and had an absolute blast.

What fun it was! Of course, the Thomas household wasn't exactly thrilled with my exuberance. But, hey, someone has to lose, right?

Anyway, I had to park practically in Acushnet. The stadium was packed. The energy from the kids on the field was contagious.

I snapped a bunch of pictures. You'll also be proud to know that this intrepid photographer stayed on the sidelines just long enough on one of those shots to get my foot slapped by a couple of strapping high school football players.

You'd think I would've taken a hint when I heard and felt all the people around me, on both sides and behind, move away as two football players charged down the sidelines towards us. Even my nephew looked at the picture and said something like, "Auntie, you couldn't see that they were about to crash into you in two seconds?" Would that I had actually HAD two whole seconds.

I may never walk right again.

But it was worth it. I got some great shots with my little camera. See page 17 and look for DHS #15 and FHS #33 heading right towards you. In other news...

The wind turbine flap is heating up again. See page 24 for that. We have some meeting coverage for you, too: Acushnet on page 12, Fairhaven ConCom (page 22), Planning (page 9), Selectboard (page 13), and a bunch of other great stuff, too.

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing? Really? Are you sure?
Could my bad streak really be over?

FYFA Cheerleaders win

The Pee Wees



Fairhaven Youth Football Association (F.Y.F.A.) Pee Wee Cheerleaders took first place in Providence, RI on October 22, and also earned Grand Champions status. Out of all the Pee Wee Divisions, they placed number one and had the highest scores. They moved on to compete in Springfield, MA on November 6, 2011 and took second place. They now move on to Worcester. If they win first or second place, they are headed to Orlando to compete for the National Title. The F.Y.F.A. Pee Wee Cheerleaders in alphabetical order: Sydni Armstrong, Rylie Baumgartner, Rylie Bolarinho, Megan Braz, Gariella Cardoza, Olivia Chase, Summer Cleveland, Kaitlyn Costa, Tara Cox, Julie Dextraze, Kennedy Figueiredo, Abigail Horan, Kathryn Kenney, Lexi Lees, Mackenna Milton, Alex Mitchell, Taylor Plaud, Sierra Riggins, Ainslee Rodrigues, Julia Rousseau, Kayci Sniezek, Riley Tetreault, Sydney Viveiros. *Photo submitted. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

The Junior Pee Wees



The Fairhaven Youth Football Association's Junior PeeWee cheerleaders placed second at the Rhode Island & Southeastern Mass. (RISMA) Competition and second place at the Regional qualifiers at Springfield. They will also be moving on the Regionals at Worcester, with the chance to qualify for Nationals. The JPWs are coached by Amy Fernandes, Rebecca Braga, and Kayla Pereira. They are: Rachel Braga, Jorja Brown, Sara Campopiano, Kendell Chase, Kylie Ellis, Julia Fernandes, Cailyn Flannery, Alussa Freitas, Keira Kenney, Jasmine Lacerda, Paris Lees, Madeline Mattos, Rylee Mello, Kayla Picard, Darcy Rizzo, Marissa Rock, Kennedy Serpa, Rylee Sniezek, Dorothee Surprenant, Rylee Sylvia, Nadia Tavares, Talia Vurpillatte. *Photo submitted. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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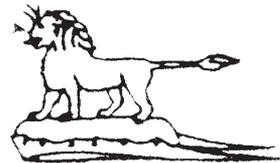
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EFS Craft Fair

Holiday craft fair and bake sale at East Fairhaven Elementary School, 2 New Boston Road, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Get your holiday shopping done while supporting the PTO: cosmetics, handmade handbags, chocolates, women's jewelry, children's jewelry, gourmet dog treats, bake sale, raffle, candles, crafts, and more. Featuring a K-5 ornament table, cookie decorating, photos with Santa (starting at noon), ornament painting, letters to Santa. Gift wrapping service by the fifth graders. Accessible.

Old Time Holiday

Save the date! See ad on back cover

Windwise meeting

Dartmouth said NO! Mattapoissett said NO! Falmouth shut their turbine down due to health concerns!

Fairhaven Selectmen Said YES!! and started construction after the vote for a new Wood School! The Project Must Be Stopped Now! It is the responsibility of Fairhaven's Selectboard and Board of Health to protect our well-being!

The group Windwise will attend the Fairhaven Board of Health meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 at Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. to discuss the health effects of industrial wind turbines.

Immediately the BOH meeting, the group will have a Plan of Action Meeting at the Fairhaven Fire Station 7 PM. Visit windwise.org for more information.

Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree, Inc. have joined forces again to gather holiday gifts for military children in the Providence-New Bedford area. The toys will be donated by customers of the more than 4,000 Dollar Tree and Deal\$ stores nationwide.

Last year, Dollar Tree patrons donated over 6 million toys nationwide, and this year hopes to beat that record. The toy drive comes at a time when Operation Homefront, a national non-profit which provides emergency financial and other services to military families and

wounded warriors, met 5 percent more needs for families and saw requests for food assistance more than double in the last two years.

Dollar Tree has 30 stores in the Providence-New Bedford area. Store locations can be found at DollarTree.com, or contributions can be made online at OperationHomefront.net

Dollar Tree stores will collect items through December 6 and local military support groups will distribute the toys to military families and their children.

Food Drive

The Fairhaven Business Association (FBA) is sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive to benefit both M.O.L.I.F.E. Inc. food pantry and the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, **now through December 15**. Anyone wishing to donate canned and dry goods may drop off at one central location at What a Find! Consignment Furniture, 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

The FBA is a non-profit organization established earlier this year by a group of businesses whose objective is the collaboration of marketing, encouragement of local economic development, revitalization and tourism within Fairhaven.

For more information regarding the Fairhaven Business Association please contact Debra Perrin, President at 508-994-9971 or Diane Tomassetti, Secretary/Treasurer, 508-326-2567.

Douglass Family ALS tree sale

Dick & Vivian Douglass of Sciticut Neck Road will continue their unique approach to fighting a family member's diagnosis of ALS, "Lou Gehrig's Disease." They will hold the 10 annual Douglass Family Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday, December 10th & Sunday, December 11th from 9:00am–3:00pm

All proceeds go to ALS TDI, the world's largest ALS research institute.

There is a selection of the most popular Christmas trees: balsam fir, white spruce and emerald greens. Pick any tree, any size. You can cut it yourself or our elves will do it for you.

Either way, all trees are \$40.00. We also have cut greens for wreaths, swag, and other decorations. About \$114,000 has been raised for ALS research through this sale.

This year we are also offering live emerald green arborvitae for table trees at \$20 each or 3 for \$50. These are between 2 to 4 feet tall, potted and suitable for replanting. Ideal for small spaces, center pieces, personal trees for children or general decoration.

In short, we're pretty flexible.

For more information, contact Dick Douglass at dickdouglass@comcast.net or 508-990-8592 or Libby Reynolds by phone at 617-441-7266, or email at lreynolds@als.net

This is a great time for a great cause! On the days of the tree sale Sciticut Neck looks as though there is a hurricane evacuation — with everyone salvaging a Christmas tree. The pace is about one tree every minute and a half.

The tree farm was started to restore the land to an agricultural use and to provide a retirement job. There was a grand but undefined plan to use some of the proceeds for charitable causes but we were thinking of scholarships or food banks. When we became aware of ALS TDI and their mission and how it could impact our family it was a no-brainer.

For more about ALS and our farm, visit, http://community.als.net/the_douglassfamilyeffort; for more about ALS TDI, visit www.als.net

Free Concert

The **Church of the Good Shepherd**, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven, will hold a FREE Christmas Concert on **Friday, Dec. 9, at 7pm**. All are welcome. For more information call 508-992-2281 or email deaton17@yahoo.com.

Health Van

The Southcoast Health Van will be in Fairhaven on **Monday, Dec. 5, at the South Coast Business Center, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven, for a Blood Drive & Health Screenings, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

If you plan to donate blood, please remember to take two forms of identification. For information call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-679-7131 Ext. 2740; email info@southcoast.org.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Christmas Concert

The Sippican Choral Society presents "Christmas Through the Years." Beginning with the 9th century plainsong version of Veni, Veni Emmanuel and ending with a contemporary jazz style arrangement of Go Tell It On the Mountain, the chorale will take the audience on a journey through the centuries. Visit www.sippicanchoral.org.

Performances: Friday, Dec. 2, at 8:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, County St., New Bedford; and Sun., Dec. 4, at 4:00 PM, Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion

Tickets: Adults \$12; Students \$6. Available at: The Bookstall in Marion, and Baker Books in Dartmouth.

NB Holiday Parking

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the City is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Effective through Sunday, January 1, 2012 the City of New Bedford will offer **FREE 2-hour parking** at metered spaces in both the Downtown and on Acushnet Avenue and 2-hour **FREE** parking at the Elm Street Garage, the Zeiterion Garage and Custom House Square!

Anyone parked at a meter in either the Downtown or on Acushnet Avenue while doing holiday shopping who receives a ticket as a result of parking in excess of the 2-hour limit, may mail or present their ticket along with a copy of a sales receipt for \$10.00 or more from a Downtown or North End Business District restaurant/merchant to the City of New Bedford Traffic Commission Office. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same day receipt.

Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program should be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at (508) 961-3153.

Sponsored by the Office of the Mayor in partnership with Downtown New Bedford Inc. and the North End Business Association.

NB holiday events

The following community events will take place throughout the City of New Bedford during the month of December to celebrate the holiday season.

Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting: Dec. 2nd at 6:00pm.; park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll: Sat., Dec. 3rd and Sun., Dec. 4th from 12 noon to 4PM; Downtown New Bedford. Artisans, crafters, restaurants, specialty shops and boutiques will come together to create a unique holiday shopping experience. The two-day holiday event is organized by Downtown New Bedford Inc., and aims to encourage holiday shoppers to buy local.

City of NB Official Christmas Tree Lighting: Sat., Dec. 3rd, 4:30pm, City Hall Plaza. Join Mayor Lang and New Bedford officials for an annual New Bedford tradition! On Sat., Dec. 3rd at **4:30pm, the parade will step off** from the bottom of William Street (at North Water Street) and will march up to City Hall Plaza for the lighting of the City's Official Christmas on the steps of the Main Library. The New Bedford High School Marching Band, the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard will participate in this festive event for the whole family to celebrate the holiday season.

Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park: Sun., Dec. 4th at 5:00pm, Clasky Common at County and Pope Streets

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park on Sunday, December 4th at 5:00pm. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration.

Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: December 4th at 6:30pm, Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue.

South Central /South First Association Tree Lighting: Dec. 12th at 6:30pm, Monte Park, corner of Russell Street and Acushnet Avenue

Pictures with Santa: Dec. 10th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, The Ashley Room on the first floor of City Hall, 133 William Street

Goulart Square Association Tree Lighting: December 11th at 6:30pm, Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street

Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: Dec. 15th 6:30pm, Park on the Corner of Court

Street and Liberty Street (across from Hathaway School)

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting: Dec. 18th at 6 pm, Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Coffin Avenue

Coat Drive

On Sunday, Dec 4th, during the Dinner for the Needy, the Masons will be distributing coats to those in need. But that's only if we have coats. PLEASE donate your unwanted coats. Take them on Dec 4th or contact Louis de Melo, 508-965-8193, wor.louis@gmail.com, to arrange pick-up.

The Dinner for the Needy was started 19 years ago by George J.P. Breault and is sponsored by the New Bedford Area Masonic Bodies. The dinner is free to all those in need of a hot, home-cooked meal. The attendance is ever increasing and has reached 300 attendees.

Food is prepared and served by volunteers at the New Bedford Masonic Building 435 County St., New Bedford. Visit www.19thDistrict.com

ABWA Party & Toy Drive

Join the members of the South-coast Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at their holiday party on **Wednesday, December 7, from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Centro Luzo American Club in New Bedford**. Accessible. The cost is \$17 per person, which will include a buffet, cash bar, raffles, dancing and karaoke! Guests are welcome. The group will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots Annual Campaign (optional) at this event.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact Susan Moulton at 508-591-0814; suem1011@aol.com.

Christmas at the Zoo

The following events are taking place at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford. Accessible.

Wreath-making Workshop, Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Members: \$25/wreath; Non-members: \$35/wreath. A relaxing evening of holiday fun. Enjoy some wine and cheese and create a truly

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unique holiday decoration. Take a special ornament or memento to include or choose from the wide variety we will supply. This evening workshop is for adults only please. Participants must pre-register and pay in advance by visiting www.bpzoo.org.

Holly Jolly Time! Fridays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16* 10:30am & 3:30pm. Cost: Zoo-Members: \$7 per child; Non-Members: \$10 per child; Adults free with zoo admission

Join Santa's elf in creating holiday crafts that will make great presents for parents and grandparents. Each week will feature two different holiday crafts. Program includes: two crafts, a holiday snack and zoo admission. *Limited space.*

Doughnuts with Santa: Sat., Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 9:00am. Cost: Zoo

Members: \$6/person; Non-Members: \$9/person; Children under 1 are free

Enjoy the North Pole's favorite pastry! Gift from Santa, train ride and admission to the Zoo for the day is included in program price. Don't your camera to take a picture with Santa! Participants must pre-register and pay in advance by visiting www.bpzoo.org or calling 508-991-4556 x 18.

Milk and Cookies with Santa: Sat., Dec. 3, 10 & 17* 1 pm & 3 pm; Sun., Dec. 4, 11 & 18* 1 pm & 3 pm; Mon., Dec. 5, 12 & 19* 12:30pm. Cost: Zoo Members: \$6/person; Non-Members: \$9/person; Children under 1 are free

Enjoy cookies and milk with Santa before he makes his annual trip. Don't forget your camera to take a picture with Santa! Gift from Santa, train ride and admission to the zoo for the day are included in program price.

Participants must pre-register and pay in advance by visiting www.bpzoo.org or calling 508-991-4556 x 18.

**Please Note: Professional photos will not be provided at these events. We invite you to take your own camera if you wish to take a photo with Santa.*

Lions Club dance

The City of New Bedford will host a series of **FREE dances** on selected Sunday afternoons this fall and winter from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Fort Taber Community House. Accessible.

This **Sunday, Dec. 4, features Tommy Tanous.** Snack bar with refreshments available; proceeds to benefit the New Bedford Lions Club. Sponsored by the City of New Bedford; John R. Lopes, Music Director, 508-994-4173.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Acushnet Holiday Lighting

On **Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 pm**, the Acushnet Firefighters' Association will host their annual Holiday Lighting Event which takes place on the **front lawn of the fire station**. As in previous years, Santa Claus is expected to give the crowd his best wishes as he rides in one of the town's fire trucks. Featuring festive lighting display, Christmas carolers, cookies, hot chocolate and a great amount of good cheer. Between 500 and 600 people have attended this event in prior years. All are welcome.

Santa Paws

"Santa Paws is coming to town," on **Saturday December 3** at the Humane Society and Shelter SouthCoast. From 11am to 2 pm have your pet friends and family members join the staff at the shelter for pictures with Santa sitting in front of a holiday tree.

Please remember to keep your pets safe, we recommend taking them in a carrier or on a leash. For a \$15.00 donation you receive the picture and a frame and the animals have a fun time too. The Shelter's goal is to ensure every adoptable animal finds a loving home. All proceeds benefit the Shelter which is located at **31 Ventura Dr., Dartmouth. Accessible.**

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Allens Pond Sanctuary will be hosting **one more Owl Prowl left this fall: from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 3rd, meeting at Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth, MA. Cost is \$4 for Mass Audubon members and \$6 for non-members.** Registration is required and can be made by phone with a credit card at (508) 636-2437 or by mail: the program registration

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On Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 PM, authors Elaine Tammi and Karin A. Tammi will visit Baker Books in North Dartmouth to read from and sign copies of their book, *Scallops: A New England Coastal Cookbook*.

Finally, a seafood cookbook devoted to New England's most prized and valuable shellfish - scallops - is here! Scallop foodies Elaine and Karin A. Tammi, a mother/daughter team, have written a cookbook about the scallop fishery that weaves together some of the best recipes in New England with interviews from Nantucket bay scallop fishermen, marine scientists, world-renowned chefs, shuckers, and sea scallopers.

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New West Marine project approved by Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Planning Board has granted Waterstone Retail Development a Special Permit to construct a 15,000 sq. foot building at the 144-116 Huttleston Avenue location during a public hearing on 11/22.

The unanimous vote to approve the Special Permit with 19 conditions was the last major obstacle facing Waterstone in their pursuit to demolish the two structures that were once home to Naughty Dawgs and Homlyke Bakery. A West Marine Store is slated to be built at the location.

The board continued the hearing from 11/8 after issuing Waterstone's project manager, Phil Cordeiro, a short list of requirements and revisions the board needed before approving the special permit.

Mr. Cordeiro said the back taxes totaling \$2,628.32 were paid in full as ordered, the plans had all been stamped by the engineer as required, and revisions to the drainage system that comply with the required 80%

total suspended solids (TSS) removal bylaw have been accomplished.

According to Mr. Cordeiro, the revised drainage system includes a third catch basin identical to two already in the plan, equipped with a storm sceptor. The revised drainage system will not only meet the required 80% TSS removal, but will exceed it, according to Mr. Cordeiro.

In addition, a site for the dumpster was added to the plan, as well as landscaping recommendations from the board. Furthermore, LED lights will be used at the suggestion of Director of Planning and Economic Development Bill Roth.

Mr. Roth recommended that the board motion to approve the Special Permit with 19 conditions, including that the drainage system comply with the 80% TSS removal bylaw.

"You did a good job in just two weeks. I think it's fine," said board member Joseph Morra.

Boardmember Albert Silva praised Mr. Cordeiro's explanation of the new drainage system and remarked that it "looks like it's going to be a great project."

Waterstone still awaits approval from MassHighway, and the public works department needs to finalize details about utility connections.

The board motioned to approve the Special Permit with 19 conditions, and voted 6-0 in favor, with Boardmembers Albert Silva and Garry Staffon abstaining due to having been absent for prior meetings that pertained to the Waterstone project.

Presently, no new items have been submitted to the board; no public hearings have been scheduled for the remainder of 2011.

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

FHS Football

Fairhaven High School stunned Dartmouth with a 21-14 victory. See page 16 for story and photos.

Kathryn Olson All Conference

Kat Olson, Fairhaven High School alum, was chosen for All Conference volleyball team in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. A senior at Emmanuel College, Kat will go down as one of the greatest setters in Emmanuel's history with 2,843 assists, ranked second all time.

The Fairhaven native served as Saints utility player all season, capped off her career with third straight All Conference appearance.

UMassD Basketball

The Corsairs rolled to their second win of the season last Tuesday over Brandeis University in the Tripp Center. Coach Brian Baptiste got a great effort from Lance Greene, Jeff Tagger and Fall River's Alex Rodrigues. Corsairs were to play Wednesday at home vs. Bridgewater, and on road to Keene State Saturday.

UMassD Hockey

Junior forward Dave McDonald scored game winning goal to lead Corsairs to 604 win over Connecticut College. UMD, now 3-2-1, will return to action Thursday at Hetland vs. Westfield State.

Recipes of the Week

Shrimp Casserole

1.5 cups uncooked long-grain rice
1.5 lb. unpeeled medium-size raw shrimp
1/2 cup butter
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 onion, chopped
3 celery ribs, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 green onions, chopped
2 (10.75-oz.) cans cream of shrimp soup, undiluted (cream of celery soup may be substituted)
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar-colby cheese blend
1/4 cup find, dry breadcrumbs
Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside.

Peel and devien shrimp.

Melt butter in a large skilled over medium heat; add bell pepper and next 4 ingredients, sauté 10-12 minutes or until tender. Stir in soup, shrimp, salt, and black pepper; cook 3 minutes or just until shrimp turn pink. (Do not overcook.)

Combine shrimp mixture and rice. Pour mixture into a lightly greased 13x9-inch baking dish.

Sprinkle evenly with 1 cup shredded cheese and 1/4 cup breadcrumbs.

Bake at 350 for 25 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Makes 8 servings.

Chicken & Rice Casserole

Substitute 3 cups chopped cooked chicken for shrimp and 2 (10.75-oz.) cans cream of chicken soup, undiluted, for cream of shrimp soup. Proceed with recipe as directed. Makes 8 services.

Rum Balls

1 (12-oz.) pkg. vanilla wafers
1 (16-oz.) pkg. pecan pieces
1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup bourbon
1/3 cup dark rum
1/4 cup vanilla wafer crumbs or
1/3 cup powdered sugar

Process vanilla wafers in food processor until crumbs are fine. Transfer to large bowl. Process pcans in food processor until finely chopped. Stir into vanilla wafer crumbs. Stir in honey, bourbon, and rum.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls, and roll in 1/4 cup vanilla wafer crumbs,. Place in an airtight container; store in refrigerator up to 1 week. Makes 6 dozen.



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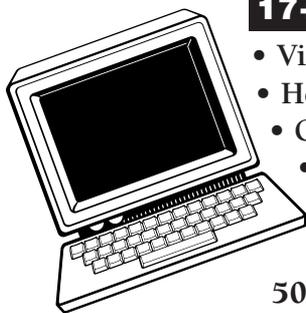
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Acushnet PO still on chopping block, community meeting set

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

Special Projects Manager Henry Young reported to the Acushnet Selectboard on 11/22 that steady progress has been made on the master plan throughout the year.

Mr. Young provided details on various projects including the re-development of the Titelist property which, he noted, needed to be done to reverse a diminishing tax revenue trend on the 40-acre lot.

He also reviewed the town's EPA Challenge initiatives including regulations regarding solar farming. Mr. Young stated that another major accomplishment in the year was the design and feasibility study for the Howard Community Center/Library building.

He noted other projects include the development of the Acushnet River Bike Path, a study regarding a new police station and research into options for the preservation of the White's Factory site.

Mr. Young closed his presentation by stating that much has been accomplished in regard to making changes to the planning board's functionality. He said the board has an increased public presence, has a more transparent decision-making process and makes more strategic and legal-based decisions.

Mike Desrosiers addressed the board as an abutter to a proposed solar farm on Wing Lane. Mr. Desrosiers, who is also Chairperson of the Park Commissioners, compared the presentations of the two solar companies that he heard at a Planning Board Meeting. He said he felt the plans on the Wing Lane were inferior to the plans that were reviewed on the other property.

"Is there going to be some kind of standardization so it isn't going to be like the wild, wild west?" asked Mr. Desrosiers.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho stated that one of the purposes of creating a solar farm bylaw was to empower the Planning Board to control how the properties looked and affected abutters.

"The Planning Board has been very receptive to listening to neighbor's concerns, as they should be," said Mr.

A community meeting was set for Thursday, January 12, 2012, when Acushnet residents will be invited to voice their concerns about the proposed closing.

Coutinho.

Speaking as a member of the Alternative Energy Committee, said, "No final recommendation has been made. The committee will dictate what is required to get a special permit (to build the solar farm). They have to abide by anything reasonable."

"To be honest with you, we're learning as we go," said board member Leslie Dakin.

Postmaster Ron Pauline of New Bedford appeared in front of the board to discuss the closing of the Acushnet post office location. He briefly reviewed what has transpired

to date in regard to the closing.

"We do not have growing pains, we have shrinking pains," said Mr. Pauline. "We have to right-size the post office."

Selectboard Chairperson, Kevin Gaspar, questioned Mr. Pauline about the financial losses the national post office is currently experiencing. Mr. Pauline identified two budget problems; pre-funding of postal retiree pensions and lack of first class mail volumes.

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In another matter, the Selectboard voted to extend the town administrator's contract for another three years. They also voted to have Mr. Coutinho work with them on developing a succession plan for his position. Mr. Coutinho agreed that such a plan was needed and stated that he would be glad to work on developing it.

In other matters:

- The board voted not to use the New Bedford Regional Repair Facility for the maintenance of the town's fire engines and ambulances as the cost of doing so exceeded the current budgeted amount.
- The board voted to reset the tax rate for FY2012 to 1.2% for commercial properties. The action was necessary due to a technical error made when the town submitted incorrect information to the Department of Revenue.
- In regard to upcoming contract negotiations, the board voted to have selectboard member, David Wojnar, represent them in negotiations with the Firefighters. •••



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Fairhaven sets tax rate, up 7.5%; shellfish dept. goes for grants

By Mali Lim

Neighb News Correspondent

Falling values and a decrease in new growth equates to higher taxes for Fairhaven property owners as the selectboard voted Monday night, 11/28, to adopt a tax rate with a factor of 1.75. As in previous years, the board voted to adopt a split tax rate with a lower residential factor, thereby increasing taxes for mixed-use properties, commercial and industrial properties and for personal property taxes.

Pending certification from the state Department of Revenue, FY12 tax rates for residential and open space properties will be set at \$10.27 per \$100,000, up from last year's rate of \$9.56 while commercial/industrial/personal property rates will increase from \$19.30 to \$20.63 per \$100,000. With median values at \$235,904, the average residential tax bill will increase from \$2,349 to \$2,423, said assessor Ronald Manzone.

According to town treasurer John Nunes, residential and open space property depreciated an average of 3.46%, while commercial, industrial and personal property depreciated an average of 6.37%. Meanwhile, revenue from new growth fell approximately \$50,000, from \$144,094 to \$99,206.

In another matter, Shellfish constable Timothy Cox and Harbormaster David Darmofal presented information on two NOAA fisheries grants they are pursuing, seeking funds set aside for towns affected by the Bouchard Transportation Company oil spill of 2003.

"There's money left over from the court settlements and there's a good chunk of change they'll dish out to the towns," explained Mr. Cox.

The selectboard voted to support two proposals submitted by Mr. Cox, for a \$111,000 shellfish restoration program and \$50,000 for a new floating upweller. The shellfish restoration program would transplant 1,000 bushels of quahogs from the Taunton River to two areas, totaling 170 acres, along Scoticut Neck and West Island over the period of five years.

"They're fairly accessible areas for people to harvest quahogs," said Mr. Cox. "What I would do is alternate

them every other year to try to rebuild the stock in that area."

The selectboard agreed with Mr. Cox's recommendations to close the area for a year after seeding in order to increase long-term sustainability.

The second grant proposal is for funds to purchase an 8 x 20 floating upweller to be attached to the dock at Hoppy's Landing.

"The initial cost of seeding would be about \$7,000 a year for five years, plus initial start up costs, but the upweller would hold about a million [quahogs]," said Mr. Cox.

"We would like to continue annual propagation as we've done over the last few years," added Mr. Darmofal, who noted that this was one of the areas most affected by the oil spill.

Fairhaven's proposals will be competing with those from other

including a new application for a common victualer license for Simmy's at 58 Washington Street.

The board accepted Gary F. Souza's resignation from the personnel board, as he was recently accepted as a member of the United Nations peacekeeping forces and will shortly be deployed to Liberia. The selectboard wished him well on his new endeavors.

The board also received a request from Police Chief Michael Myers to give eight police officers a six-month extension to use allotted vacation time. According to the chief, the officers in question all had five or 10 year anniversaries falling in November and December, awarding them an extra week of vacation but only a short window of opportunity to use the days before the normal December 31st deadline.

Explaining that he couldn't allow that many officers out on vacation during that same period of time, Chief Myers asked that they be allowed to use the extra vacation time between this December and June 30th, 2012, a request that the selectboard approved.

Per recommendations from Sylvia Insurance, the board advised executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch to send out memos to all employees that using town vehicles for personal use or for transporting family members was strictly prohibited.

Finally, Mr. Osuch announced that town residents should be aware that work on replacing the Recreation Center's gymnasium floors is expected to run through December 26. During that period, the wellness center will be open, but the gymnasium will be closed.

In other business the board:

- Approved an NSTAR gas installation petition for 33 Shaw Road
- Accepted a donation of approximately 2,000 square feet of waterfront property at the rear of Turner Avenue, from the Sweeney family.
- Reconvened in executive session to discuss a specific workers compensation case with Stephenson & Brook, an aquaculture agreement with Rod Taylor, HMFH contract issues, an Eccleston solar power contract and a discussion on wind turbine contract issues.

There's money left over from the court settlements and there's a good chunk of change they'll dish out to the towns [Shellfish Constable Timothy Cox]

towns affected by the spill, but the sustainability factors would be looked on more favorably by the NOAA.

Mr. Cox had also intended to submit a third proposal for a bay scallop transplant project, but was asked to withdraw it by the Department of Fisheries, which is planning to do a project proposal on the issue on behalf of all affected towns.

Other business slated for the evening included a request for change of ownership of O'Hara Mazda to Jim Lutz, following his purchase of the facility's existing assets. Mr. Lutz, who currently owns Alden Buick GMC Truck in Fairhaven, stated he hoped to have the company, now renamed Alden Mazda, back in business by the end of the week. The board voted to approve Mr. Lutz' ownership transfer, as well as to renew several common victualer and liquor licenses for 2012,

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Fairhaven gridders take Dartmouth in upset of the decade

By Bob Duarte

Special to the Neighb News

On Thanksgiving Day, the highly favored Dartmouth High School football team rolled into the old stadium in Fairhaven to take on Fairhaven High gridders. For three quarters the Indians held onto a 14-0 lead. In the fourth quarter, Jared Antil threw a 15-yard pass to Billy Pires who romped 36 yards for the touchdown.

On a previous drive, Fairhaven's fullback Tanner Kisla broke for a 50-

yard TD, making it 14-14. With two minutes left, FHS lined up to punt, but Ryan Baldwin faked the punt and threw the pass to Billy Pires who went 46 yards for go-ahead TD, 21-14.

With better than a minute left, Dartmouth drove to the 5-yard line, but FHS stopped them with outstanding goal line stand for a sweet victory.

Congratulations to Rudy Bulgar, his coaches and team on a great season. This game will go down in history as one of the best ever.

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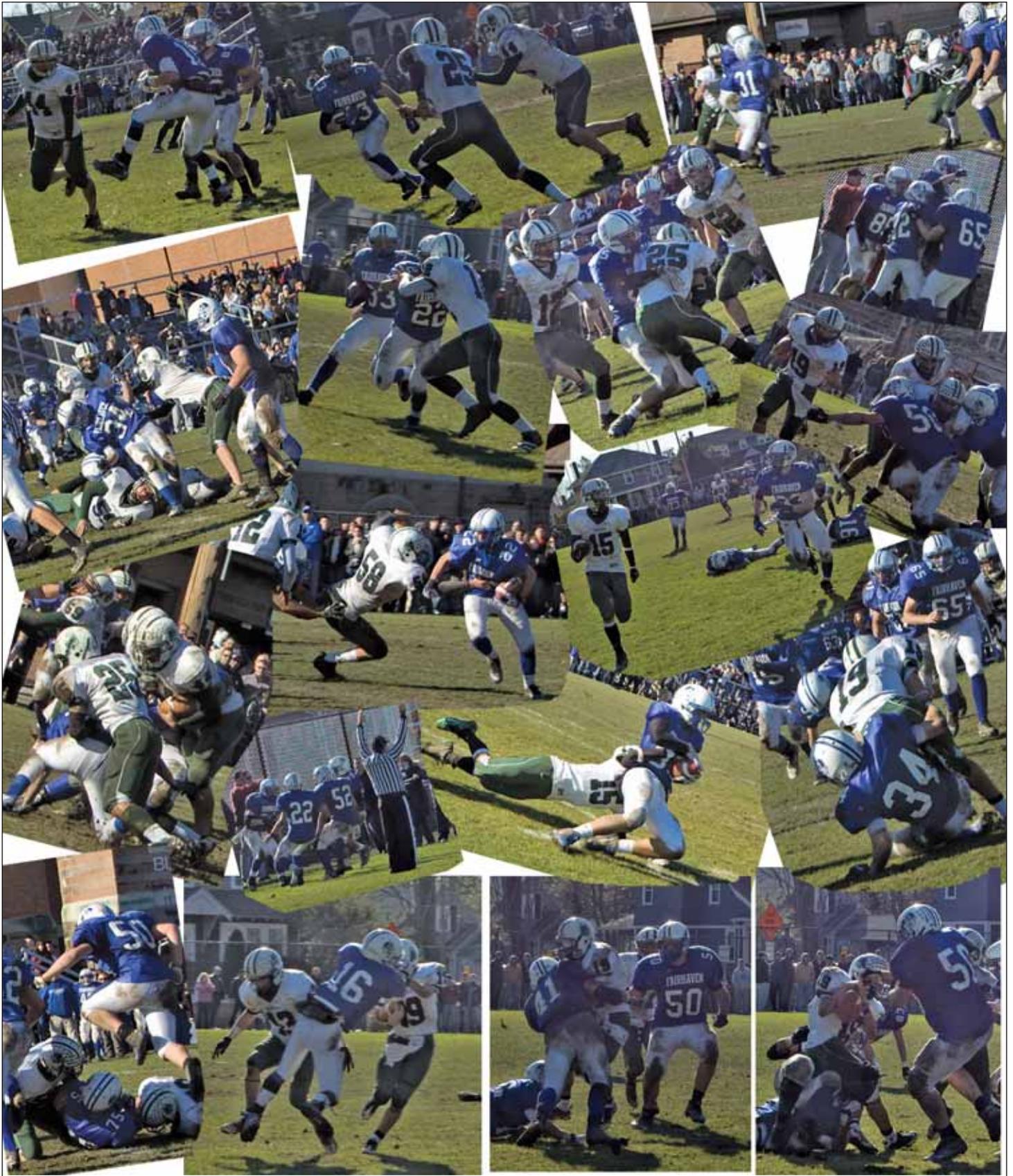


LEFT: Dartmouth's Tim Smith takes the high road trying to avoid the tackle, but ended up on the ground a few seconds later, in ap lay during the second half of the Thanksgiving Day game between Fairhaven High School and Dartmouth HS at FHS. RIGHT: Fairhaven's David Santos takes down Dartmouth's Devin Vial in a play in the second half. Fairhaven beat the heavily favored Dartmouth in a stunning upset, 21-14. BELOW: The pack is in hot pursuit as Fairhaven's Kobie Edwards pulls away during a play in the first half. All photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com Find us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.



More photos from the game

All photos this page from the Fairhaven-Dartmouth football game on Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/11, at Fairhaven High School. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com
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Kayaker rescued from frigid waters off West Island

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Fire Department rescued a New Bedford man after his kayak overturned about 1000 feet from shore at the end of Balsam Street on West Island, Sunday, 11/27. Antonio Furtado's sons notified police when they saw that their father's kayak had overturned in the frigid water and he was not able to get back in.

According to Fairhaven Fire Chief

Timothy Francis, the kayak filled with water, making it impossible for Mr. Furtado to flip it back over. He was not in a dry-suit, but he was wearing a life preserver.

The FD received the call at 1:48 p.m. and arrived on scene at 1:57. The Fairhaven fire boat was dispatched from Fairhaven Shipyard and was the first on the scene. The Coast Guard was also notified. The Massachusetts Environmental Police arrived to assist the Fairhaven FD get the man

into the boat.

He was treated for hypothermia. His wet clothes were removed and he was wrapped in dry blankets to warm him up. He refused transportation to the hospital and left with his son in a private vehicle.

Chief Francis said wearing a life preserver "probably saved him."

According to the National Weather Service, Sunday's temperature reached 55 degrees, and the ocean temperature is in the low 50s. ●●●



LEFT: The Fairhaven Fire Boat pulls up to the dock at Hoppy's Landing on Sunday, 11/27, after plucking a man out of the cold water off Balsam Street on West Island. Antonio Furtado's kayak overturned and filled with water. His sons were watching out for him and notified police when they saw that he was in the water. RIGHT: Mr. Furtado is assisted up the gangway at Hoppy's Landing, wrapped in blankets to get his body temperature back up after being in the cold water. He refused to be taken to the hospital for further treatment. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Frank not running for re-election

By Beth David

Editor

US Representative Barney Frank D-Mass., has announced that he will not run for re-election in 2012. Representing the Fourth Congressional District since 1980, Rep. Frank has been a strong liberal voice and a favorite target of conservatives. He is one of the highest profile representatives in Congress.

Famous for his sharp wit and exceptional intellect, he was the first member of Congress to voluntarily

acknowledge being gay in 1987. Mass. Congressman Gerry Studds had been forced to admit his homosexuality in 1983 after a scandal involving a page.

Mr. Frank said he had planned to run one more time before retiring. Redistricting, however, changed his district significantly and he did not think it was fair to promise to work on the problems of the new district when he knew he would only be able to work on them for two years.

Rep. Frank also cited the issues unique to New Bedford's fishing

industry, saying he did not want to stop work on those issues. The redistricting moves New Bedford and Fairhaven from the fourth district to the ninth, with Cape Cod towns.

"I have acquired a strong attachment to many of the people and causes I have worked with here," said Rep. Frank in a statement. "The Congressional redistricting removes from the district I represent virtually the entire fishing industry of South-eastern Massachusetts."

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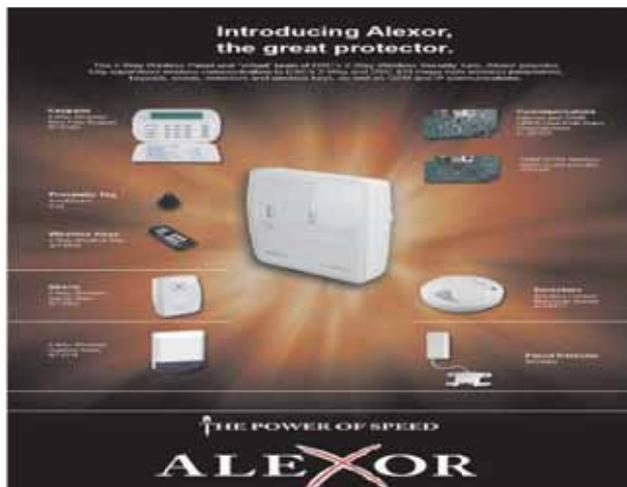
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**NOTIFICATION DATE:
December 2, 2011**

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Alice L. and Frederick E. Yeaton Revocable Trust — 1992 to replace, construct and maintain a stone rip-rap seawall at 4 Bayside Street, in the municipality of Fairhaven, in and over flowed tidelands of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 508-946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below:

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed. 12/7, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Building Committee

Thurs., 12/1, FHS Library, 6:00

School Committee

Wed., 12/14, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 12/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 12/5, Comm. Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Public Works

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Selectboard

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Saturday	3	0201	1428	0838	2010
Sunday	4	0256	1522	0933	2056
Monday	5	0350	1615	1013	2138
Tuesday	6	0441	1703	1049	2219
Wednesday	7	0526	1746	1127	2300
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Expected to face stiff opposition in the next election, Rep. Frank also said he did not like raising money, and would have to raise at least \$1.5 million.

For his full statement, visit: <http://frank.house.gov/press-release/barney-frank-announces-he-plans-not-run-re-election-2012>

Conservation continues most hearings

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A roomful of residents gathered for the 11/21 Fairhaven Conservation Commission meeting, only to face returning again on 12/5 after ConCom members voted to continue most of the items on the agenda in the absence of Chairperson Andrew Jones.

The commission motioned for a 12/4 on-site visit, and continued until 12/5, the Notice of Intent for resident Alice Yeaton of 4 Bayside Street for the removal of a dilapidated sea wall and the construction of a new one. David Davignon of Schneider & Associates presented the plans for the replacement wall which will match the current wall of concrete and boulders that encompasses an existing concrete patio.

Mr. Davignon provided the commission with proof of approval of the project by both the Mass Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. They have also filed for permission under Chapter 91, which regulates Mass. waterways.

Mr. Davignon also possessed a letter from abutters to the south of the property granting permission to mesh Ms. Yeaton's reconstructed wall with their existing wall.

Mr. Davignon also represented Request for Determination applicant George Fairbanks of 5 Bayside Street. The plan is to enclose the columns of the elevated house with breakaway walls to create a garage and winter storage space beneath the house. Mr. Davignon stated that only carpentry work would be necessary and no earth removal or excavation would be required.

With no opposing abutters present, the commission agreed the project would have no impact on the resource area and granted Mr. Fairbanks a Negative 2, meaning the work will not require a notice of intent.

The board also cranted approval to Douglas & Rebecca Marchessault to create a single family dwelling at 97 New Boston Road. Engineer Alan Ewing presented the plan for the construction of a house outside a buffer zone, but with construction work within a buffer zone.

Abutter Gregory Bettencourt was present with no objections to the

plan, except for a concern about preserving the trees that create a natural boundary to the wetlands.

Mr. Ewing told the commission that only some trees will be removed, but not trees located by the buffer zone. The commission requested that placards mounted on gray PVC pipe that read "Fairhaven Conservation" be placed approximately every 50 to 60 feet along the buffer zone. The plan was approved with eight special conditions.

In another matter, the commission issued a Certificate of Compliance to Fatima Cardoso, owner of a vacant lot located at the corner of Alden Road and Staffon Road. Replication of wetlands was started approximately ten years ago and was recently inspected and deemed complete by Conservation Agent Wayne Fostin.

An Enforcement Order was issued against property owners Ryszard &

60 Scoticut Neck Road, the site of the construction of the new Wood School. Christopher Garcia of Garcia Galuska & DeSousa Consulting Engineers, Inc. addressed the commission and said that he met with the Town's hired consultant, Scott Goddard, and John Rockwell of the MassDEP, who made a few modifications to the line before agreeing upon an initial delineation. The commission motioned for an on-site visit for 12/4 and voted to continue until 12/5.

Other items continued until 12/5:

- Notice of Intent for Heiam Alsawalhi of Bella Vista Island for the removal of phragmites and wetlands for the installation of a tennis court, an access way to the beach, and a floating pier system for jet ski use. Meanwhile, the commission collected a check for \$2600 to bring his retainer balance up to the required \$5000.

- Notice of Intent for Jose DeMedeiros of 25 Bayview Ave. for the purpose of constructing a freestanding wall and slate patio, encasement of an existing sewer line, re-grading of the driveway, and placement of loam and seeding of the lawn. Rich Rheume of Prime Engineering described the dilapidated wall and proposed replacing it with a cinderblock wall. The commission received a request for a survey of the property line sent by the abutter at 27 Bayview Avenue. Mr. Rheume said a survey had been done, the surveyor has stamped and signed the plan, and the wall will be built at a one-foot inset from the property line of 27 Bayview Avenue.

- Request for Determination for Bryant Ribeiro of 475 Bridge Street for the construction of a lean-to to an existing garage within the 100-foot buffer zone.

- Request for Amended Order of Conditions for SE 23-1054 Washburn Avenue for the construction of a single family home and road improvements.

Commission members reminded the public that there are still two vacant seats on the board after the resignation of Susan Morris and the pending resignation of Logan Wood. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Selectboard. ●●●

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Kasia Stasiak of 21 Gull Island Road, to restore the wetlands that were removed from the property. Commission member Cora Peirce described the wetlands as having been totally decimated by the owners.

A Request for Determination filed by Michael Ristuccia was withdrawn by the applicant. The intent was to verify the wetland line on several undeveloped lots on Bass Creek Road.

West Island resident Louise Barteau cheered at the withdrawal and proceeded to address the commission with "two procedural points," but was interrupted, assured that the RDA was for the intent of establishing the wetland lines only. Mr. Ristuccia would have to submit a new RDA should he decide to proceed with building on the property, and abutters would be notified.

An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation was filed by Jeffrey Osuch, Selectboard Executive Secretary. The property is located at

Letters from our readers

Wind turbines and new school don't mix

The construction of two 397-foot Wind Turbines began in Fairhaven in a quiet manner on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, a national holiday that is dedicated to honoring our veterans who fought for our country.

This land clearing was done in an expedient manner without public knowledge or police patrol protecting the public.

The Fairhaven school vote took place on Nov. 2. It was a close vote but the new, consolidated school vote passed edging out the concept of two neighborhood schools being restored. The new consolidated school will be built at the current Wood School site. The Turbines will be built in close proximity to the new school. If there were full public disclosure of the turbine construction which began two weeks after the vote, new public health concerns of turbines, would the voting results be the same??

*Steve Bender, Retired Teacher, Coach,
Fairhaven High School*

Neighbor sends plea to Fairhaven residents

Attention Board of Health/Community Members and Local News Advocates,

It has come to my attention that the Town of Fairhaven has decided to proceed with the construction of two wind turbines as a Municipal Project across the street from my beautiful home. As a proud father of two wonderful little girls I write you this letter with a heavy heart!

After several calls to my Selectmen, Michael Silvia and Dr. Brian Bowcock, I feel that NO ONE is listening to me. I really need your help. As I'm sure you're aware the placements of commercial wind turbines in Falmouth have caused severe health issues to the local neighbors and they have currently shut down "Wind 1." The infrasound and shadow flicker have caused many to get sick. As a husband and wife who unfortunately had a two-month old premature daughter and spent six weeks in the "nicu" with our little one who wasn't even breathing when she was born, I have had my fill with health issues.

What concerns me is this: I currently reside on Weeden Road. Which is approximately 1600 feet away with a clear view of both wind turbines with no trees blocking the sound or sunset flicker. This is not a "not in my backyard" situation, they are JUST TOO

CLOSE.

Pending legislation in light of the recent health concerns in Falmouth (bill H.1757), sponsored by Demetrius Atsalis (Barnstable-D) would prohibit the location of wind turbines within 3,000 feet of a residence or residentially zoned property. This is clearly being proposed for a reason.

My wife Maria and I are very concerned for the well being of our children who have already suffered enough. I can only imagine the amount of calls you will receive from the concerned parents of the new proposed Wood Elementary School once these both go up and people finally realize what has happened and how it will affect their children.

I am frustrated with our local Selectmen Dr. Brian Bowcock and Mr. Michael Sylvia. Both reference the units located in Hull, Massachusetts, and that the residents there love them, which may be true. However, what they failed to mention to me when I called is that the ones installed in Hull are only 50 meters tall to the hub where the rotors attach and the units our city purchased are 100 meters tall. Twice as tall and a full 60 feet larger than the ones shut down in Falmouth.*

I also read that they were made in China, whom historically have the worst as far as noise associated with the operation. These units will tower a full 460 feet above the ground. How is everyone turning a BLIND EYE to this?*

I was told by Mr. Bowcock that many studies have been done, and indeed they have, so I have spent much time reading them. Nowhere does it mention the fact that two will be side by side, nowhere does it mention or estimate effects on units as large as the ones purchased. This certainly will increase the sound and the risks involved. The studies were done on a Vestas V82 which is only 80 meters off the ground; the ones purchased will be 100 meters to the top of the hub with blades of 150 feet or so extending from that.*

Something must be done to STOP this awful event from occurring!!! Falmouth said NO, Dartmouth said NO, Mattapoisett said NO and Fairhaven says YES ?

Please help me as I feel I have NO WHERE to turn.

Regards, Grant R. Menard, Fairhaven

**EDITOR'S NOTE: According to plans submitted to the Conservation Commission and information provided to the*

Neighb News by Lumus Construction (see story this page), which is erecting the wind turbines, they will be 80 meters to the hub and 41 meters from the hub to the tip of the blade for a total of 397 feet off the ground. Mr. Menard told the Neighb News that he is concerned that the "actual" turbines purchased will not match the plans.

Sometimes A Good Neighborhood is Priceless

Here we go again. Only this time it is even more outrageous than before. Fairhaven's three selectmen, Mr. Bowcock, Mr. Silvia, and Mr. Murphy, have unanimously voted to allow developer Jim Sweeney to bring two mammoth 400 foot wind turbines to Fairhaven with total disregard for the health and safety of the nearby adults and children in the neighborhoods.

I find it incredulous that our town officials have decided to pursue this project with full knowledge that a Falmouth turbine has been shut down because of the harm to residents by the noise pollution. I am also reminded of the shadow flicker, ice flings near the bike path, and lowered property values which we presented to them before. I am sure that our selectmen were also aware that the town of Dartmouth recently voted unanimously on October 24, 2011, to terminate plans to build two wind turbines.

I have no idea as to why our town officials would continue a project which would be detrimental to the citizens they were voted to represent. Mr. Jeffrey Osuch, staunch supporter of the project and town executive secretary, stated that no notice was given to neighbors and none is required. In other words, the residents of Fairhaven have no say. If town leaders can act arbitrarily behind closed doors, then we are all at risk.*

Are you comfortable having three selectmen having the power to make decisions in private executive sessions concerning matters of your public safety and property without having a voice? I am not. Credibility is lost especially when Mr. Bowcock stated (Advocate, January 17, 2008) "It's hard to see (turbines) from the bike path. Unless you are in an open area the trees obscure the view."

No one would agree with that statement. This leads one to wonder how much knowledge the Selectboard actually had to base their decision.

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We have done hours and hours of research and have documentation of the severity of the harm from the noise of the turbines to nearby neighborhoods. (go to www.windwise.org) The Fairhaven Conservation Chairperson Andrew Jones was also made aware of Falmouth problems at the September 12, 2011, meeting when Bruce Mabbott, representative of the developer, stated that the Falmouth wind turbine project revealed some problems. When stated that a turbine location had to be changed, Mr. Jones said a change in plans would require a new public hearing. There was no public meeting because later Mr. Jones learned it was not mandatory.**

I believe that if given the correct information, ultimately the citizens of this quaint, historic town of Fairhaven would want what is best for everyone. It does not matter whether we live near the turbines or not. Ultimately, we care what happens in this town and what happens to our neighbors.

It is interesting that on Sept 20, 2010, at a Selectboard meeting Mr. Bowcock, Mr. Silvia and Mr. Murphy voted unanimously to prohibit a T-Mobile cell phone tower in the neighborhood of Long Road because it was agreed it wasn't the right place.

To quote Mr. Charles Murphy "Sometimes the cost of a good neighborhood is priceless."

I believe that ALL those adults and

children in the neighborhoods surrounding the two 400-foot turbines feel the same way. They deserve the same respect. The cost of a good neighborhood is priceless. This is not the right place for turbines.

Joyce Pottel, Fairhaven

**Editor's Note: The public notice in this letter refers to the cutting of trees on the bike path. The wind turbine project was discussed and voted on at Town Meeting on 5/15/07 and reported in the Neighb News on 5/17/07. The contract terms were subsequently discussed in executive session.*

***A new public comment period was required. An ad for the comment period ran in the 9/29/11 issue of the Neighb News on page 25.*

Fairhaven wind turbines slated to go up, opposition mobilizing

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven wind turbine project is progressing, much to the consternation of residents opposed to the construction of the two 1.5 megawatt turbines. Members of "Windwise," the group organized around stopping the project, said they believed the project had been stopped by a lawsuit they filed three years ago.

Town Meeting voted to approve the project in May of 2007, and the Fairhaven Planning Board approved a special permit in May of 2008. The group filed the lawsuit stating that the board overstepped its authority in issuing the permit. Meanwhile, the net metering law was working its way through the legislature. When it passed, the special permit request was withdrawn.

The opponents thought they had won, but the contractor withdrew the project because the new law made a special permit unnecessary. The net metering law allows municipalities to sidestep some permitting in order to erect industrial wind turbines (WT) for a municipal project. The town and the developer restructured the contract to make it a 100% municipal project, meaning that the town will buy all the electricity created by the WTs.

The power will go into the grid, where NStar is required by law to buy it. The two Sinovel SL1500/82 turbines will produce enough electricity to power all town buildings, including the schools.

The town will buy it all from the developer at \$.0743* per kilowatt hour for the first year, with increases

each year for 20 years. The town will sell the electricity to NStar, which will credit the town for the power it uses for its buildings. The town will keep the difference.

The developer will also pay the town \$100,000 per year in rent for the property that the turbines will be erected on. The developer will make money by selling the electricity to the town, and, by receiving more than renewable energy certificates from the state worth about \$250,000 per year.*

The industrial turbines will stand 80 meters from the ground to the hub, and the blades will extend another 41 meters high for a total of 397 feet from the ground.

Workers started clearing trees for the project along the bike path behind the wastewater treatment plant on town land adjacent to the Little Bay Conservation area the week of November 6. They stopped people from using a portion of the bike path on Friday, 11/11, Veterans Day. Opponents were taken by surprise and said residents should have been notified of the tree clearing. They were particularly upset that it was a holiday and they could not contact town officials.

Fairhaven resident and attorney Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis was scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, 11/30, to argue for a restraining order to stop all activity on the project. She said all the fears of the opposing group had come true in Falmouth and that Fairhaven town officials are disregarding the health effects of the industrial turbines.

"It's all the information we were predicting," said Ms. Ponichtera-

Court action taken

The group opposed to the wind turbines in Fairhaven argued for a restraining order in superior court on Wed., 11/30. According to Attorney Ann Ponichtera-DeNardis Judge Renee Dupuis took the matter under advisement. Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis asked the court to suspend construction of the project until the issue can be litigated in court.

The *Neighb News* learned of the decision late on Wednesday. There was no time to contact town officials for a reaction.

DeNardis about the Falmouth project. "Everything we predicted would happen, happened."

A plethora of anecdotal evidence has surfaced in communities that have sited the industrial turbines near residences. Complaints include headaches, vertigo and sleep disturbances. Some complaints are from the sound of the blade movement, which are louder than residents anticipated. Other complaints stem from a noise that is not regulated by the state and has been described as a "low level pulse," and a kind of air pressure that causes nausea, much like motion sickness, and a variety of other ailments. One Falmouth resident said when he is in his yard he feels like he is in a plane ascending or descending just before the ears pop.

Proponents of industrial turbines dispute the health claims.

"There is no clinical data or scientific knowledge that supports that this could

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Legal Notices/Public Hearings (also see page 21)



Deadline for Town Meeting Articles for Street Acceptances

Deadline has been set for street acceptance articles to be placed on the warrant of the Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting for 4:00 p.m. January 6, 2012. Town Meeting to be held May 5, 2012. Engineer's tracing and four copies of the plan must be submitted by the petitioner, who will bear the expense. Plans 9 1/2"x14" or 16"x21". Description must accompany the plan.

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Deadline for Town Meeting Articles

All articles to be placed on the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012.

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be a problem," said Gordon Deane, a co-owner of the Fairhaven project.

He said the evidence often cited by opponents from Dr. Nina Pierpoint's studies on "Wind Turbine Syndrome" have not been peer reviewed. The Canadian and American Wind Associations hired experts to study her findings and "found no basis" for the claims, he said.

Opponents, however, point to recent developments in Falmouth. The Selectboard there ordered the WT shut down completely because of health complaints. Falmouth's Wind 1 went online in April 2010 and complaints started immediately. First, the board shut it down at night, then when winds reached 23 miles per hour. In early November, they shut it down completely.

Neighbors as far away as 1600 feet have complained of health effects.

One of Fairhaven WTs will be 900 feet from the nearest residence, the other will be 920 feet away.

"More health effects are being learned, unfortunately by residents who are being unfairly burdened by these colossal turbines that are being

constructed," said Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis.

Joseph Currie, an electrical engineer at Lumus Construction, which is erecting the WTs in Fairhaven, said that the WTs in Falmouth are much different than the Fairhaven ones. He said the Fairhaven units are brand new and use different technology.

"All the motors, everything that makes it turn are electric," said Mr. Currie, adding that the Falmouth Vestas use hydraulic motors.

That choice of the model of WT being used, however, is also a point of contention with opponents. Wind turbines manufactured by General Electric have bigger setbacks than the Sinovels, which are from China.

"GE turbines are quieter and they require bigger setbacks," said Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis. "GE would not put these so close to the bike path."

Opponents are also disputing the height of the WTs, citing an FAA permit that allows for 463 feet high. Mr. Currie said, and the plans filed with the town, however, clearly state that they will be 397 feet high.

Ms. Ponichtera-DeNardis said that

the lack of transparency has created the mistrust. She said open meetings should have been held to discuss all the details of the project.

"The town has failed to have complete transparency in this project, so no one truly knows what is going to be placed in that location, she said. "We should know exactly what they are...residents shouldn't have to do their own back door research looking at FAA documents."

The group is planning to attend the Board of Health meeting on 12/5.

For information on the Falmouth project, visit the town of Falmouth's website at www.falmouthmass.us and click on Falmouth Wind Information under Current Topics.

For news coverage on the Falmouth project, visit www.capeandislands.org and click on "Climate." Then search for "Falmouth wind."

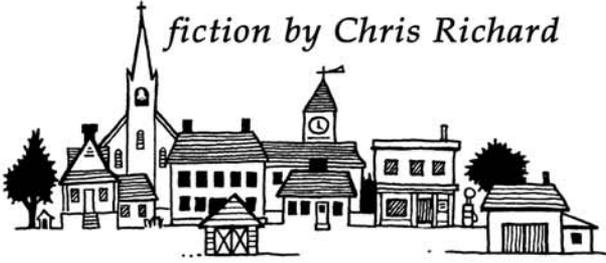
For information on Windwise visit www.windwise.org or <http://windwisema.org>

For anecdotal evidence in the Falmouth project, visit www.responsiblewindenergy.org/falmouth-and-industrial-wind-turbines.html ●●●

*Fixes errors from previous versions, cents not dollars and not \$1 million in RECs.

The report from Potter's Point

fiction by Chris Richard



Well, not an awful lot went on in Potter's Point last month except for the big day of football and turkey and telling your families you're expecting a baby before you're married. The last is not included in everybody's Thanksgiving traditions, though in some families it's not as rare as one might hope.

Ellen Marie Spooner and Alf Arbutus, who discovered toward the end of September they'd conceived, had not broken the news, mostly because they feared the Spooners would have conniptions. The Spooner family line goes back straight as an arrow to the days of the earliest Puritan settlers in New England and there have been no deviations to sully the genealogy except for Hawthorne Spooner's alleged infidelity with a young witch in the late 1600s and Janice Spooner marrying one of the San Miguels back around 1978. So far as anyone can tell, though, there has never been a Spooner born out of wedlock.

The young couple was not nearly as concerned about what Alf's family would think. Alf doesn't even know who his father is, although he has noticed his own striking resemblance to Lyle Orford, the police chief. It's pretty well known inside and outside of the family that Alf's younger sisters Murphy and Ally have different fathers. Ally's father Gary Standish married Lynn Arbutus about a decade ago, but the wedding took place after Ally's arrival. There are not a whole lot of recorded marriages among the Arbutus clan. Instead of a family tree they have a bunch of woody shrubs.

Ellen Marie and Alf decided that before Christmas they would have a Justice of the Peace marry them privately at The Point.

"The baby won't be here until June," said Alf. "As long as the year it's born is different than the year we

get married, it will be okay to future generations of my family. None of us is very good at math skills."

They were less certain about when they'd let their families know about any of this.

By the week before Thanksgiving, Ellen Marie thought she would not be able to hide her condition much longer.

"We're not going to be able to keep this secret until Christmas," she said. "I'm expanding every which direction."

"You're really not, pal. You look a little. . . um. . . slightly more curvy or like you ate a really big meal."

"It is obvious you are blinded by love," said Ellen Marie. "Nothing fits me. As soon as your family looks at me they're going to know I'm pregnant. Especially your mother and grandmother. Women have a sixth sense about things like that."

"Last time it took Mom three months to figure out she was pregnant herself," said Alf. "She thought it was gas."

"Thursday," said Ellen Marie. "We'll be there together. It will be the best time to tell them."

As it turned out, Ellen Marie had to go alone to the Arbutus house. Alf had been picking up some extra money helping a friend who owns a scallop farm. Early on Thanksgiving morning he got called out because of some emergency related to buoys and nets. He told Ellen Marie to go on ahead and he would be along as soon as he could.

"Make yourself at home," said Alf's grandmother Toni, when Ellen Marie walked in. "Duke bought some kind of girly beer if you want one. And have you met Alf's uncle Georgie? There was a little tax problem with his cigarette business, so he's been away for a while, but while he was gone he met some people who are going to set him up in discount pharmaceuticals."

Uncle Georgie winked. Ellen Marie nodded politely. Gary started explaining how the hydraulic system on the town's backhoe was giving him fits and how they just don't make them the way they used to, which led to a comparison of the manufacturer's specs on various pieces of heavy equipment and a lament that Potter's Point missed the boat when it didn't

pick up a used front end loader that Hope Falls declared as surplus a few years back. It wasn't long before Ellen Marie wondered if Georgie was carrying any sample pharmaceuticals.

Gary finally stopped talking once the turkey was served and conversation around the table during the meal was limited to comments about how good the stuffing was and how Duke had gathered the cranberries growing wild by the edge of Wewinitt Pond and could someone please pass the corn bread.

When the meal was finally done and Lynn and Toni had put up the leftovers in Tupperware, everyone retired to the living room. Ellen Marie was surprised at how comfortable she felt with these people, none of whom, except possibly for the two younger girls, was playing with a full bag of marbles. They were all slightly loony, but in a relatively good way. Alf arrived just in time for coffee. He looked happy to see such a picture of family harmony. Everyone was full of food and resting peacefully.

"If this isn't nice enough," Alf said, taking Ellen Marie's hand, "next Thanksgiving there will be the pitter patter of new little Arbutus feet toddling around the room."

"What?!" exclaimed Lynn. She put her hand on her belly. "How do you know?"

"About our baby?" asked Alf. "We got the official results from Doctor Pines a month ago."

"Oh. . . oh, yes. . ." Lynn looked very pale. "Your baby. You and Ellen? Congratulations. . ."

"Well, who did you think, honey?" asked Gary. "It would be a miracle if it was us, cuz first-off it's been like how many months since we. . . you know. . . and anyway after Ally, I got myself fixed."

Toni Arbutus looked at Alf and Ellen Marie. Then she looked at Lynn. And at Gary. And then at Lynn again.

"Who wants pie?"

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

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

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December 9, 10, 11, 2011

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Benoit Square Lighting and Caroling

Benoit Square
Main and Adams Streets, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert

Church of the Good Shepherd,
357 Main Street, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Rogers School Pancake Breakfast

Children's Crafts & Book Fair

Rogers School, 100 Pleasant St., 9 a.m. to Noon

Holiday Marketplace

Craft booths & more

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Town Hall Shops

Booths by non-profit groups

Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Brick Church Fair

Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unitarian Church Tours

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Open House: Manjiro-Whitfield Friendship House

6 Cherry St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m..

Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Harrop Center, Center St., 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Lobster Roll Luncheon

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11:00 a.m.

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Cookies & cocoa, raffles, wreaths, baked goods

Council on Aging, 229 Huttleston Ave., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Old-Time Christmas Carol Sing

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Pl., 1:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:00 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday Weekend is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Complete program listings are available from <http://FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com>. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 43 Center Street, Fairhaven, telephone 508-979-4085, email FairhavenTours@aol.com. Visitors Center winter hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.