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Children, with their adults in tow, make the mad rush down the hill at Livesey Park in Fairhaven for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on Saturday morning, 3/26. About 200 people descended on the park to pick up candy, wooden eggs that could be turned in for prizes, raffle prizes, and hot chocolate at the free neighborhood event. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It's showtime!!!
Time to vote in Fairhaven and Acushnet for local offices. If you've been reading the *Neighb News* faithfully, you should have all the information you need to make an informed decision. You can also visit the websites of the two towns to see candidates nights on demand, and watch your local government access stations (both channel 18) for the latest candidates nights.

In Fairhaven that will include the West Island Improvement Association's event which happened on deadline night, so we weren't able to report on it here.

I was there, though, and I must say it was kind of tame this year. I think they should let me moderate it so I can let the candidates mix it up a bit.

We have all kinds of stuff in here this week.

One of my favorite events was this weekend, and is on our cover. I love watching the kids go wild looking for eggs in the big park and then jumping up and down with anticipation as they wait for the raffle numbers to be called. See page 16 for that.

You all remember reading about my friend and neighbor Dave Cardin, whose truck flipped over into the water off Goulart Memorial Drive in February, right?

His friends at the VFW in Fairhaven held a fun event for him this weekend. Dave has a long road ahead of him, but he's getting a little bit better each week. See page 17 for an update.

This Monday is the day to vote, folks. There are ads and letters to the editor (pages 20, 24, 25), and we already ran the candidate statements, so you should be all set to make your decisions on how to vote on Monday.

There's other stuff in here, of course, the two school buildings are back in the news (see page 4), and the Shipyard neighbors got a meeting with the DEP. See page 3 for that.

And last, but not least, please consider supporting the *Neighb News* with a small annual contribution. Really, I'm only asking for about \$20 from each of my loyal readers. The paper is free, supported by the advertisers, so be sure to tell them you saw their ads here. But the ads just aren't enough. If you think my brilliant prose and fearless reporting is worth about \$20 a year, please send it along. We have a PayPal button on our website and a GoFundMe page to make it easy for you. Really, folks, it's been a fun 10 years, but now it's time to make a living at this. Just \$20 a year from each of my readers will keep us going.

Until next week then...see ya,

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Mon., 4/4, in Fairhaven & Acushnet

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Neighbors meet with DEP and Shipyard

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Board of Health and officials from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection met with neighbors of the Fairhaven Shipyard and shipyard personnel on Monday, 3/28, to discuss ongoing noise and air quality issues in the neighborhood. Several town officials also attended the meeting, including the fire chief, planning board chair, town planner, and Town Administrator Mark Rees, who organized the meeting with the BOH.

Thomas Cushing of the DEP reviewed the requirements of the air quality plan* that DEP issued to the shipyard in August of 2015. He said the "very specific limits" were primarily federal requirements.

The shipyard placed steel shipping containers around the perimeter of the property to serve as a barrier for both noise and particulates. The barrier was a negotiated mitigation with DEP.

Neighbors have complained over the last few years that sanding, power-washing and spray painting have caused mists of particulates to

cover cars, gardens, and enter homes through windows.

Neighbors and the shipyard have been going back and forth over ways to mitigate the fallout from shipyard activities. The shipyard has maintained that it is engaged in normal activities for the business. Neighbors who live in houses closest to the north yard insist that the activities changed a few years ago and involve much more intensive activities that have been detrimental to the abutting residential neighborhood.

Mr. Cushing read from the order, which states that workers must use a vacuum-assist tool when doing any spray painting or power washing.

He said certain "high intensity" activities, such as needle guns and scalars are supposed to be confined to the area behind the barriers.

Noise is not supposed to be above 10 decibels above background noise.

All restrictions, however, had an emergency clause, or an allowance if not "feasible." In those cases, high intensity activity is limited to between 7:30 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some neighbors said that the barriers have helped with noise and particulates, others said it did not. There is one corner that does not have the barriers because there was no way to get the containers there. Mr. Cushing said the shipyard is supposed to limit activity in that area, except in emergencies.

Dan DiSalvio of the DEP said he took over recently as the compliance section chief. He said neighbors should direct complaints to local authorities, such as the police and Health Agent in addition to the DEP.

"We try to support the town," said Mr. DiSalvio, adding that he had limited staff covering a wide area. "The town can react a lot quicker."

He also said a noise study was conducted after the sound barrier was put up and showed that the "barrier improved conditions in the area."

Suzanne Kowal said the barrier had made a difference at her property.

"The noise is greatly diminished," said Ms. Kowal, adding that the furniture no longer has "that gritty stuff" on it. "So it's been effective."

BOH: cont'd on page 18



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Selectboard still struggling with disposition of Rogers School

By Beth David
Editor

During a discussion of the Special Town Meeting Warrant the Fairhaven Selectboard discussed various possibilities for the Rogers School at its meeting on Monday, 3/28. The board also scheduled a special meeting for 4/13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the details of the Oxford School building sale.

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association, which occupies a small building on the Oxford School site that is owned by the town, requested that the board set up a meeting at the NFIA building. The Selectboard, however, decided that it was better to have the meeting at town hall, where it would be accessible to everyone and videotaped by the government access channel.

The board will make the site plan and other documents available on the town's website after they are finalized and before the meeting.

The board also discussed the disposition of the Rogers School because Town Administrator Mark Rees sought to include \$7,000 for an environmental study and \$25,000 for a consultant to provide advice, research and analysis of the market.

Mr. Rees said the situation with the Rogers School is "remarkably similar" to a situation in Petersham, Mass.

The board decided to include the article for the environmental study, but not the consultant.

Mr. Rees said it was very likely the town would need a fall town meeting, so the board could include the article then.

Board members also discussed the costs of demolishing the building, and the wide range of costs that have

been mentioned, although no one has actually gotten a quote.

Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth said he would reach out to contacts he got when the town demolished the building on Union Wharf.

"[And] I'll let you know what your liability is to do nothing," said Mr. Roth.

The building has been in severe disrepair for decades. There is lead, asbestos, and a host of other problems that will have to be addressed before the building can be updated and re-used.

The town has sent out two request for proposals and received only one response that was very vague and only offered \$1 for the building. Two other entities have since expressed "lukewarm" interest, a word used by Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth.

The building is not only obsolete, but has not been maintained, and, he added, might have mold, too.

"So we have some issues over there," said Mr. Haworth.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola asked if he could approach the people who showed some interest in the buildings.

Mr. Haworth said he was not comfortable making a decision or even talking about it in such detail because the specific item was not on the agenda.

The board will discuss it at the next meeting.

"The building isn't going anywhere, obviously," said Mr. Haworth.

In another matter, the board also agreed to support the fire chief's request to apply for a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency

Response) grant. The Federal Emergency Management Agency grant will allow the Fire Department to hire a one new person for two years.

Requirements of the plan include that the town will not lay off any firefighters during those two years. The hope is that the town will then pick up the salary for the new person.

Fire Chief Timothy Francis told the board that he believes the department needs another full time day person. This is a good way to see if the work warrants the extra person. He said with summertime coming and the vacations that go with it, overtime costs will rise.

He said the ambulance runs are increasing and that the station was actually empty for about an hour on Easter Sunday.

The Fire Department requested a letter from the Selectboard showing support and saying that the town would abide by the requirements of the grant.

"Sounds like a no-brainer," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola.

Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth said it was an "excellent idea to put an extra man on, or woman."

Chief Francis said it did not look like things would slow down anytime soon. He said the ambulance fund can pay for the new person now, but reminded the board that he has gotten resistance in the past to add someone using those funds.

- In other business the board
- Appointed Roger Marcoux to the Community Preservation Committee.
 - Delegated responsibility to approve road opening/gas permits to the Town Administrator.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Cinderella at FHS

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Cinderella* **Thurs., 3/31 through Sun., 4/3. Show times: Thurs., Fri., Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. at FHS Performing Arts Center, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven (Larch Ave. entrance).**

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 students/seniors. To order tickets, visit the Fairhaven High School box office or call 508-979-4051, ext. 11022. Accessible.

Test Drive for FHS

Ashley Ford of New Bedford is sponsoring a Drive 4 UR School event at Fairhaven High School on **Sat., 4/2, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at FHS, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, back parking lot.** Rain or shine.

FREE, no obligation. Just come by and test drive a Ford and Ashley Ford & Ford Motor Co. will donate \$20 to the FHS Class of 2016, up to \$6,000, for the After Prom Committee.

Restrictions apply. Contact Linda Ferreira at Ashley Ford, 508-996-5611, or visit AshleyFordSales.com/Drive-One-4UR-School

Nurses & CNAs

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Cener St., Fairhaven, is holding an open house on Wed., 4/6, from 1-5 p.m., for nurses and CNAs. Tour the facility, on-the-spot interviews, refreshments, raffle.

Competitive wages, benefits. Call 508-999-4561, Ext. 3327, or just stop in.

Health Fair

Join the Fairhaven Wellness Committee's kick-off celebration with a Mini Health Fair on **Fri., 4/8, from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Rec Center Gymnasium**

For ALL Town Employees & their families. Come see what Fairhaven Wellness Committee is all about

Vendors wanted

Looking for "healthy," "wellness" vendors who would like to set up a table. Email Pattie at pmederios67@comcast.net for information.

Vendor tables need to be reserved by April 5th

FREE Pedometers to the FIRST 50 Employees!! The Wellness Committee is also accepting donations of any

kind for its Gift Account to help with prizes and incentives for employees.

Repub Committee

The Fairhaven Republican Town Committee will meet on **Wed., 4/6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Police Department Training room.** This general membership/reorganizational meeting is open to the public. We encourage interested parties to attend, observe, participate and join! Email FRTC at FairhavenGOP@comcast.net

Mr. Fairhaven Show

Join the Fairhaven High School community as 10 young men vie for the title of "Mr. Fairhaven" on **Fri., 4/8, from 7-9 p.m. at Fairhaven High School.** They will compete in four categories: Casual wear, beach wear, formal wear and talent. The winner will receive a free tux from Main Street Formals, which has donated all the tuxedos for contestants for the night.

Tickets are \$10 sold in school that week and at the door. Proceeds from the night will benefit the FHS after prom event.

Contestants are: Nicholas Hannan, Nolan Roderiques, Tyler Lopes, Ryan Mkenna, Quintin Viera, Alex D'Abruzzo, Joshua Nunes, Matt Stabell, Ben Horsfall, Anfernee Ramos
Judges are: Bob Espindola, Dorothy Cox, Mike Myers.

Book Discussion

"Revolutionary" by Alex Meyers, is the April 21 book selected for Thursday Morning, 10 a.m. by the Thursday Morning's Discussion Group, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.

The book is based on the true story of a woman who fought as a man in the Revolutionary War. Meyers' novel is richly imagined and meticulously researched, exposing the struggle by Deborah against a rigid colonial society.

The meeting room is easily accessible from the **Walnut Street entrance.** "Revolutionary" can be checked out at the Millicent Library as well as reserved through the inter-library site, SAILS. All are welcome to attend the discussion, which lasts about an hour.

Call Norma Markey, the discussion

leader, with questions, 508-993-3745.

Illegal Fishing Hotline

The Coast Guard is urging anyone with information about illegal fishing operations to contact a confidential hotline at 1-844-847-2431.

A healthy, and sustainable marine environment is an indispensable part of the economy in the northeast. The Coast Guard, along with partner agencies, enforces marine resource management and protection laws to preserve healthy stocks of fish and other living marine resources.

Protecting North Atlantic resources today ensures the opportunity of success for generations of fishermen to come.

Tips may be made anonymously.

Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance Office of Fairhaven High School, Greater NB Reg Voc-Tech HS, Bishop Stang HS, and Bristol Agricultural HS.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing the application is April 22, 2016.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Win a Trip to Japan

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is conducting an essay contest for the **students of Fairhaven High School.** The winner will accompany our local delegation to the Manjiro Festival in Tosashimizu, Japan in late October of this year. Shimizu High School in Tosashimizu is the "Sister School" to Fairhaven High School. Thus, the selected student will become a "student ambassador." Guidelines for the essay are available at the reception desk at Fairhaven High School.

Essays must be submitted to Gerald P. Rooney, President & CEO of the Society, at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven **by Friday, April 15, 2016.**

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

FIA Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the **Fairhaven Improvement Association** will be held on **Tues., 4/12, at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., New Bedford.** Members, guests and the community are invited to attend. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

This event allows us to conduct annual elections of new Board Members and Officers, as well as, to honor individuals who have provided outstanding community service. **The evening will also feature a presentation by Mr. Mark Rees, Fairhaven Town Administrator.**

Dinner choices for the Annual Dinner include Petite Filet Mignon (\$32); Chicken Kiev (\$27); Baked Scrod (\$27); or Chicken Caesar Salad (\$16).

Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Contact Sheryl Aguiar at 508-971-9662 for reservations and questions.

Animal 5K

The second annual Run with CARE 5K will be held on **Sun., 4/10, the Warming House, Buttonwood Park, NB.** Registration 7:30 a.m.; race start, 9 a.m. **Run/walk with or without a dog.** Prizes, awards, vendors, food truck, pet race photos.

Registration: \$25 up to day of race; \$30 on race day. All pre-registered runners are guaranteed a t-shirt. All dogs registered get commemorative charm. Cash prizes.

Register at northshoretiming.com. Contact cricket13@comcast.net or johannelson1961@gmail.com

CARE is a no-kill, all volunteer, non-profit animal rescue. Visit our Facebook page: 2016 run with CARE.

Women's Art Symp.

WORK, WOMEN & ART: A free symposium on careers in the arts, at New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St., NB; 508-961-3072

A passion to create and to share a vision with the world through art inspires young women to consider a career path leading them into the arts. As adults, we know finding your passion is just the first step in preparing for your life's work. High school women of the South Coast will learn about careers in the arts through our free after school teen program on Wednesdays, as invited

guests for special events, as Teen Artist Interns and at a symposium just for them here at the Museum.

As part of "Work, Women and Art," the **daylong symposium on April 9th**, these young women will have a chance to meet and talk with women working in the arts, to learn about a variety of careers in the arts, and to hear about college programs in the arts. They'll make those first important contacts in establishing a network of artists, arts educators, gallerists, and arts administrators to turn to throughout their careers for advice and support. It will be a day filled with fun, learning and discovery.

Visit <http://newbedfordart.org/work-women-art/> for more info.

Sexual Assault Awareness

The public is invited to attend the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month on **Thurs., 4/7, at 3:30 pm in the Ashley Room at the New Bedford City Hall, 133 Williams St.** The Women's Center and the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol are coming together to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month. It's time to talk about child abuse and learn how speaking out can prevent sexual violence in our community.

Mayor John Mitchell will present a Proclamation at 3:30pm designating April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in New Bedford. The public is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

National statistics for child sexual abuse are disturbing: 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. 1 in 5 children are solicited sexually while on the internet. Most children are sexually abused by someone they know, love and trust. There are an estimated 40 million survivors of child sexual abuse in America today.

Sexual assault does not discriminate. It knows no racial barriers, no economic barriers, no social barriers, no age barriers, and no gender barriers. Sexual assault exists in all neighborhoods, in all cities and in all countries. Statistics show that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men experience

attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. We know that in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may lead to post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide.

For more information, call The Women's Center at 508-996-33432, Ext. 25 or visit www.thewomenscentersc.com or visit www.cacofbc.org for more information on Child Abuse Prevention month.

Downtown Spring Social

Downtown New Bedford, Inc. will be holding its **25th Annual Spring Social at The Wamsutta Club, 427 County St. on Wed., 4/6, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each, \$35 of which is tax deductible.** Downtown New Bedford, Inc. is a non-profit (501)(C) 3 community organization.

Tickets may be purchased from the DNB office, 105 William St., 2nd Floor, on-line at www.downtownnb.org and from Board Members. For tickets or information call 508-990-2777 Email: dnb@downtownnb.org.

The Spring Social is an important event that helps to sustain the many programs and projects offered to members and the downtown community by DNB, Inc.

Board Chairman Kevin T. Pelland stated, "The Social is a popular annual event that is always well attended and offers top shelf, food and beverage by the Wamsutta Club. Musical entertainment will be sponsored by Whaling City Sound, featuring vocalist Lori Gomes and John Harrison, III on piano and local member artists will have displays of their work.

In addition to mixing, mingling, music and art, the DNB, Inc. Spring Social provides us the opportunity to extend thanks to our award recipients for all they do for our community. This year we will be recognizing the following businesses for their contributions:

The Community Investment Award, Richard Poyant, President of Poyant Signs, Inc.; Co-Recipients of the President's Recognition Award, Michael Barry, President of Pier Fish Company and Albert J. Santos, President Hygrade Ocean Products;

Showstoppers Camp

Registrations are now being accepted for Showstoppers' 12th Annual Performing Arts Camp for boys and girls in grades 2-8, April 18-22, 9-3 daily, at the Congregational Church Hall in Mattapoisett.

A musical theater showcase will be presented to the public at 7 p.m. on the Friday night. **\$175 per child includes performance CD, tee shirt, daily snacks and certificate of completion.** Don't delay! Reserve your spot today!

For more information or to register, call 508-758-4525 or email at info@showstoppers.us. This program is supported in part by the Mattapoisett and Marion Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Auditions

Ocean State Theatre Company announces Open Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2016 summer productions of *Damn Yankees* and *Avenue Q* on **Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 11, 2016. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition.**

*Note: All roles require very strong singers and actors.

The schedule for both Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 11 will be as follows: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Singing/Acting Auditions (Session 1); 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Singing/Acting Auditions (Session 2); 5 p.m., Men's Dancing auditions begin; 6 p.m., Women's Dancing auditions begin

Auditions will be held at Ocean State Theatre located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick, RI. Those auditioning should enter through the main lobby doors and bring their headshot or a recent photo and resume (required) stapled together (back to back).

Additional information, character breakdowns and directions at www.OceanStateTheatre.org.

The theatre is required to hire a minimum of five members of Actors' Equity Association, with at least two chorus contracts for *Damn Yankees* and three members for *Avenue Q*.

All ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to attend this audition.

Author Events

Jackie Leduc of Acushnet,, author of *The Demonic Eyes and Bloody Nightmares*, will be at the **Acushnet Public Library, on Sat., 4/2, from noon-2:30 p.m.** for a reading and book signing. A portion of the profits will be used to buy children's books for the library.

Ms. Leduc will also be at the **BCC Fantasy Book/Cake Competition Fair on Sat., 4/9 in Fall River, from 10:00am-3:00pm.**

Comic Show

Continuing their effort to bring the best of young comics to SE Mass., Buzzards Play Productions will present a very special treat, with **The Paperback Comedians, on Tues., 4/5, 3065 Cranberry Highway in E. Wareham, across from Benny's. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show at 8. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$6 if you get them online at www.brownpapertickets.com**

Boston Headliner Matt Kona is coming to bring his zany form of comedy to the venue. Also performing is Steve Gould, the host of Harwich's Land Ho Restaurant, as the featured comedian of the evening. The show also includes New England comedians, Robbie MacDougall, Frank Gazerro, Cass Flood and Ray Bryant

Cape Cod's Irresponsible Panther's Open Mike host, Andy Prete will be the musical guest of the evening. Prete is perhaps best known as a founding member of the sea shanty band "The Kings Busketeers." AJ Hapenny will be hosting for the evening, however, after the show, he plans to step aside to allow some "up and comers" to host for the next few performances.

Noisy Ocean Lecture

We think of our oceans as a silent underwater world. In reality, the ocean is full of noise. Diving on any given day, anywhere in the world, you might hear fish chomping, waves crashing, mammals calling to each other and even rain falling. The ocean is noisy with these natural sounds, but increasingly also from human-generated noise. Sound is vital for

marine life to navigate, migrate, feed, communicate and find a mate. By taking up the available soundscape, human-generated noise interrupts important biological processes for the tiniest of marine micro-organisms to the largest marine mammals.

On April 7th, Women Working for Oceans (W2O) will present "Beeps, Rumbles, and Blasts: How Human-Generated Noise Threatens Marine Life." Two pre-eminent scientists, who have been studying the impact of increasing noise below sea level, will be the keynote speakers: Dr. Christopher Clark, Director of Cornell University's Bioacoustics Research Program and Dr. Scott Kraus, Vice President and Chief Scientist for Marine Mammals at the New England Aquarium.

Drs. Clark and Kraus are leading authorities on how ocean noise from sonar, seismic testing, and shipping affects how whales, dolphins, and other marine mammals communicate with one another during feeding, migration, breeding, and other important times.

The event is sponsored by the Boston-based Women Working for Oceans (W2O), in partnership with the New England Aquarium. W2O's mission is to inform people about the challenges facing our oceans and inspire them to take positive action to ensure a healthy, sustainable blue planet in the future.

Attendees will be encouraged to speak up and support legislation to stop seismic testing and to express concern about upcoming federal offshore oil and gas plans. W2O will also encourage participants to "buy local" to help reduce consumption of goods shipped from overseas.

"Beeps, Rumbles, and Blasts: How Human-Generated Noises Threaten Marine Life" luncheon and lecture event, sponsored by Women Working for Oceans (W2O), in partnership with the New England Aquarium, will take place on **Thurs., 4/7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at New England Aquarium's Simons IMAX Theatre, Central Wharf, Boston. COST: \$75 per ticket including seated lunch and lecture. Tickets are free for students attending the presentation/lecture only**

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THURSDAY 3-4 p.m.
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Recipe of the Week

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2 cups long grain rice
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 ¼ cup of vegetable oil
 1 cup diced onions
 ½ cup red bell pepper
 ½ cup yellow bell pepper
 ¼ cup minced garlic
 3 jalapeño peppers, minced
 2 cups of diced ripe tomatoes
 1 tablespoon tomato paste
 3 cups of chicken stock or broth
 ¼ cup of fine dice cilantro
 ¾ cup of green peas
 salt & black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a 2-gallon Dutch oven heat vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Sauté chicken until brown. Add onions, bell peppers, garlic and jalapeños. Cook 8-10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in tomatoes and tomato paste. Continue to cook 3-5 minutes.

Pour in chicken stock and blend well. Bring to a rolling boil then stir in rice.

Remove from heat then add shrimp, cilantro and peas. Season with salt and cracked black pepper. You should slightly over-season since rice tends to require a little extra seasoning. Blend well then cover and place in oven. Bake 20-25 minutes.

Council on Aging celebrates St. Pat's Day



Clients of Fairhaven's Social Day Program enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day with Irish Music from the Monaghan's, thanks to the generous donation by Gotta Have It." They also had corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings. *Submitted photos.*

Council on Aging holds spa day



Clients of Fairhaven's Social Day Program enjoyed having their nails polished, trying a new hair style and neck massages at a Spa Day held recently. They also enjoyed some fancy drinks and hors d'oeuvres. *Submitted photos.*

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Acushnet candidates night generates some sparks

Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet candidates night at the senior center on Thursday, 3/24, had its share of sparks in all three contested races: Selectboard, and two separate seats for Acushnet Housing Authority, with two candidates each.

The AHA race started the night with Isabel Sousa and Lori Walsh squaring off for the remainder of an unexpired term made vacant when Arthur Bergeron resigned last year. Ms. Sousa was appointed to fill that position.

Ms. Sousa told the crowd that she resurrected the birthday club and has been focusing on the social aspects of living at the HA.

She said she hopes to continue to stay active doing the “same things until I can’t.”

Ms. Walsh told voters that she wants to advocate not only for the elderly, but also for the disabled who live in HA properties.

She said she raised her children in Acushnet.

A woman immediately called out to Ms. Walsh, saying she never saw her at meetings.

Ms. Walsh said she has always been interested in running for the board and watched meetings on cable access TV, when she could not make it in person. She said she tried to keep herself from the “gossip” about her around town, and she feels she can “bring some peace” to the board.

The rumors include that she has been in “cahoots” with another board member, she said.

Ms. Sousa said that Ms. Walsh never went to events at the HA.

Ms. Walsh said that she did indeed

go to the Christmas party.

“I have gone to a few meetings and I’ve been to other events,” said Ms. Walsh, adding that she had a broken ankle that kept her from meetings for a whole year.

In the other seat for HA, incumbent Rene Racine faces a challenge from Robert Lanzoni.

Mr. Racine said that because of his age he can relate to the many issue confronted by the HA tenants.

He praised the maintenance mechanic, not naming him, although most people would learn soon enough that he is Michael Cioper, a selectboard candidate, who would mix it up with Mr. Racine’s opponent just a few minutes later.

Mr. Racine talked about the many improvements made to the apartments at Presidential Terrace, often using prisoner labor to save money.

He also said the authority ended with a surplus last year.

Mr. Lanzoni said he knew a lot of people living at Presidential Terrace who are “not happy down there.”

He said there is a “dictator down there,” people do not sit outside, or socialize because they are uncomfortable.

Mr. Cioper suddenly called out from the public’s seating area asking Mr. Lanzoni what he just said.

“Better hope I don’t get in means?” asked Mr. Cioper, and said he took it as a threat to get him fired if Mr. Lanzoni got on the AHA.

“I’m telling you what people told me,” said Mr. Lanzoni.

Mr. Cioper’s sister managed to get into the fray as the three went around for a bit.

Michael Cioper, who previously served on the Selectboard, started his opening statement with a reference to the dust-up during the AHA portion of the program.

He noted that he is the maintenance mechanic at the HA.

“I hope you vote,” said Mr. Cioper. “Because I just got threatened to be fired.”

He pledged to return Acushnet to affordability.

“Today we must spend wisely only on our needs, not our wants,” said Mr. Cioper.

He noted that the water and sewer systems needed work, the liquefied natural gas project is just beginning, and the town has to hire a new town administrator.

“My well-rounded experience will be an asset to this decision,” he said, adding that he supported the right to farm measure “to keep our way of life in Acushnet.”

Selectboard candidate Dave Costa started by saying, “I know absolutely nothing,” but promised to be a quick learner.

He said he would like to see Acushnet adopt a program, such as Fairhaven has, to help seniors pay their property taxes.

“I think taxes are kind of high,” said Mr. Costa. “I am dedicated to everyone in Acushnet, not just a few.”

Mr. Dakin, who previously served on the Selectboard and other boards, told voters, “I always take the approach to treat the taxpayer’s dollar as though it were my own.”

He said he looked forward to the challenges facing the town and found his past volunteer service “enjoyable and interesting,” and asked to be judged by his record.

Several questions from the public allowed candidates to flush out some of their plans.

Mr. Cioper said he wanted to attract more business to town, but they would have to improve infrastructure and work on creating a business park or industrial area in town.

Mr. Costa said they needed to lower taxes to get businesses in and that there was plenty of land for business. He said he would have to do some research before he could be more specific.

Mr. Dakin said that 90% of Acushnet is residential and that the town should comply with the Master Plan. He said the town could create a mini industrial park, maybe behind Slocum Street.

Mr. Cioper said that Mr. Dakin was a big proponent of the tax shift and that hurts businesses.

Mr. Dakin countered that the reason businesses should be taxed at a higher rate is because they can deduct a lot of



L-R: Acushnet Selectboard candidate Michael Cioper answers a question at the candidates night held by the government access channel on Thursday, 3/24, at the Acushnet senior center, while fellow candidates Dave Costa and Leslie Dakin listen. Photo by Beth David.

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Library's community room dedicated to Hardy, Francis

Beth David
Editor

At its meeting on Monday, 3/28, the Acushnet Selectboard dedicated the library's community room to former town official Everett Hardy and former Community Center director Nancy Francis. The board held its meeting at the library in order to hold the dedications. It was also the last meeting for Selectboard member David Wojnar, who has decided not to run for re-election.

Ms. Francis said she was "overwhelmed" by the gesture and loved what the town did with the building, making it a library from the community center she once ran.

"I am also so pleased they picked up

where we left off with programs for kids," said Ms. Francis, who is back to tutoring on Monday evenings at the library.

"It's nice to see her recognized for the work she's done for the town," said Ms. Francis's son Jeff.



TOP: Members of the Francis family, L-R: Dan and Nancy Francis and their two sons, Jeff and Scott and Scott's wife and son, Maria and Jack. ABOVE: The Hardy Family, including Everett Hardy's wife Marie (5th from left, standing). The Acushnet Library Community Room was dedicated to Everett Hardy and Nancy Francis at the Selectboard meeting on Monday 3/28. Photos by Beth David.

In his dedication remarks, Mr. Wojnar called the community center a "place of camaraderie" and said the library will continue to allow young people to "come together to expand their horizons."

Mr. Hardy's wife Marie said she was "excited, happy and proud."

She said her husband would be overwhelmed with the attention.

She said they did a "beautiful job" with the building, but that the community room was not much different than before, "except for the colors."

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The Fairhaven Rotary Club and the Fairhaven Council on Aging will be having a senior talent show on Sunday April 24, from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven COA. We are recruiting seniors who would like to participate in this event by sharing their talent whether it be singing, dancing, comedy, magic or any other fun talent. Call the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 and ask for Anne Silvia to sign up. This is a FREE EVENT for the public. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

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Children hunt for eggs at NFIA annual event

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association welcomed about 200 people to its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Livesey Park on a cold Saturday morning, 3/26.

Volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, started spreading eggs and candy across the expansive park at 6 a.m. Children hunted for candy and numbered wooden eggs, which could be turned in for prizes. Everyone also got a raffle ticket, and the lucky winners got Easter baskets, stuffed animals and a variety of other toys and prizes. Hot chocolate was also available to

help warm everyone up on the cold morning.

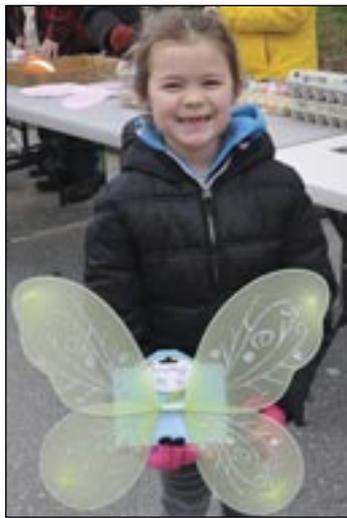
Nikyta Espinola said her favorite part was the egg hunt, but she sure looked like she enjoyed calling out a raffle number when the NFIA's Fred Raphael let her take the mike for a minute.

Savannah Johnson-Sanches also said she liked finding the eggs the best, but she looked like she was pretty happy with the big stuffed animal she won in the raffle, too.

The annual event is sponsored by the NFIA and is totally free to participants.

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ABOVE LEFT: This little girl shows sheer joy at winning a stuffed animal at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual egg hunt on Saturday morning, 3/26. *Photo courtesy of Tori Tepe.* ABOVE MIDDLE LEFT: Sydney shows off the "Frozen" wings she won for finding a wooden egg. ABOVE MIDDLE RIGHT: Nikyta Espinola gets to call out a number for the raffle. ABOVE RIGHT: Eveylynn drops an egg into her basket. BELOW LEFT: A young boy reaches for the basket he won. BELOW MIDDLE: Jakob and Emily Pedersen pose with the stuffed animals they won. Jakob got the pink and Emily got the blue, but the siblings decided they would stick with the traditional blue for boy and pink for girl, and switched. BELOW RIGHT: Savannah Johnson-Sanches sports a big smile to go with her Bruins hat and pink stuffed animal raffle prize. *Photos by Beth David.*



Community gathers to support Cardin

By Beth David
Editor

Friends and family of David Cardin, whose truck veered off the road and into the water off Goulart Memorial Drive in February, gathered for a benefit at the VFW in Fairhaven on Saturday, 3/26. Organizers said they raised \$3,800 through donations and a giant raffle that included hundreds of items.

People donated all manner of items, including gift certificates, gift baskets, toys, books, scallops, bicycles, fishing poles, a television, photos, tools and household items. Hundreds of people bought raffle tickets, enjoyed a large buffet of donated food, and danced to the music of Girl Friday.

Mr. Cardin, 63, is still in a Boston hospital, but should be moving to a rehabilitation facility soon.

Judy Grabau is Mr. Cardin's neighbor on West Island. She called him a "good, good friend" and a "great neighbor."

She said Mr. Cardin's long-time girlfriend Dee Belong makes a mean Shepherd's pie.

"Can you do any better than neighbors who bring you food?" asked Ms. Grabau.

Barbie Gaudreau worked hard labeling raffle items, but said she was only recruited that day. She said she has known Mr. Cardin for more than 30 years, "just from Sconticut Neck."

She said she was "horrified" when she heard what happened and wanted to help.

"Because people care about him," said Ms. Gaudreau. "As a community, we gather. That's what's nice about being in a small, little town."

Joe Beaulieu said he went to elementary school with David, and he knew David's father.

"David's a good guy," said Mr. Beaulieu. "And he'd do it for me in a heartbeat."

Ms. Belong said that physically David was "excellent," but emotionally, he was having a tough time being confined. She said his long term memory is good, but his short term memory is "fuzzy." He is re-learning things at a good pace.

"I am overwhelmed with how many donated," both raffle items and food, said Ms. Belong. "David knows lots of people."

She said he is the kind of person who helps others without hesitation.

"He'd stop and drop what he's doing to help anybody," she said. "I can't thank them enough for everything, for the great support system here. And not just Fairhaven, from all over."

"I just wish he was here to see it," said Mr. Cardin's son Steve Cardin. "It's overwhelming. I'm happy everybody came."

He said he hoped to show his father some pictures, so he can see how many people came to support him.

"I know he would appreciate it, I just wish he could understand," said Steve. "I would feel better if I knew he knew."

David's ex-wife, and Steve's mother, Debbie Gagne, also attended the event. She said they always stayed friends and stayed close.



Dee Belong (RIGHT), poses with her grandson Nick Belong and his girlfriend Sophia Tetrault at the benefit for David Cardin at the VFW in Fairhaven on Saturday, 3/26. BOTTOM LEFT, L-R: Heidi Pereira and Bonnie Cardoza read off the names of the raffle winners. BOTTOM RIGHT: These two bicycles were some of the higher end items donated for the raffle for Mr. Cardin. Organizers said they raised \$3,800 for Mr. Cardin, whose pickup truck went off the road and into the water in February. Photos by Beth David.

"It's wonderful," said Ms. Gagne. "It's great to see everybody get together. He's a great guy. He always was."

The raffle calling took a long time, about 45 minutes, and the basket that had wine and lottery tickets and all manner of other sundry items had its own special tickets.

"I made it, I won it, and I'm going to give it to Dee," said Christine Jardin after her number was called. "Isn't that great?"

Mr. Cardin's pickup truck was overturned in the water for an undetermined amount of time before police pulled him out and paramedics revived him. Family members said he had a medical episode that caused the accident.

A GoFundMe account has been set up at <https://www.gofundme.com/peq32wek> or those interested may leave donations at the VFW on Middle Street in Fairhaven.



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She also said she thought the shipyard started work earlier in the morning during the summer.

Shipyard co-owner and operator Kevin McLaughlin, however, said the shipyard does not have different hours in the summer.

Greg Feighery of the shipyard told neighbors that they move the sound barriers if they think that an activity will cause a problem for the neighborhood, even though it is more "time consuming."

"Just to keep everybody happy," said Mr. Feighery.

Neighbor Beth Luey asked what other options neighbors have, because, for her, the barrier has not made much difference.

Mr. DiSalvio said that the other options are for local regulations, such as bylaws to be enforced.

"Towns have their own nuisance bylaws," said Mr. DiSalvio.

Neighbor Fay Bartling said she was certain that the noise level was higher than 10 decibels above background. She said the regulations seem to favor the company and not the community.

Mr. Cushing said the negotiated agreement sought a "balance."

"It's not perfect. I get it," said Mr. Cushing, adding that the onus is on the shipyard to keep the noise down.

Mr. McLaughlin said that testing for noise was done in all areas of the yard and "all results were satisfactory."

Ms. Bartling said that the corner of the yard that does not have a barrier "seems like an area that has been neglected."

She said when it is windy, there are a "lot of particulates" that get blown around the neighborhood.

She also said there was a problem with the DEP being unwilling to attribute it to the shipyard, and trying to blame other, unnamed businesses.

"It's a weak explanation, that a lot of people are doing it," said Ms. Bartling. "I don't think there's anybody else in the community that's generating bottom paint."

She said in the 21st century, they should be able to pinpoint where it is coming from.

Mr. Cushing said that the DEP does not do scientific analysis to identify particulates, and from a "practical, legal standpoint," they would have to do that. So they rely on seeing where the mists are coming from.

Ms. Bartling also took issue with

allowing the shipyard to decide what an emergency is.

Mr. McLaughlin said that since the first of the year, they only had one boat in the disputed area for a short amount of time.

Michael Luey asked if it was appropriate for the shipyard to be performing those functions outdoors at all, and asked if the town could require them to do the work inside.

Board of Health Vice Chair Jeannine Lopes, who chaired the meeting because Peter DeTerra had a conflict of interest that was not specified, said that she was not sure that the BOH had the authority to require that.

"That would be sticking our hands into something we don't want to stick our hands into," she said, adding that in any case, she would not attempt it without consulting with town counsel.

At the end of the meeting, Beth Luey said it was "productive."

She said at least neighbors know what the DEP will and will not do.

"Not that I'm happy, but now we know," said Ms. Luey, adding that at least the DEP was willing to do more noise testing.

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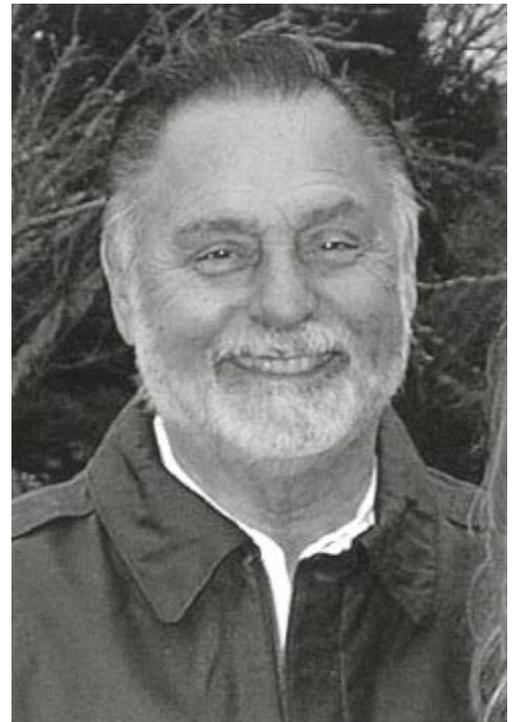
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I also served as a New Bedford City Councilor, School Committee Member, Recreation Committee, Historic Committee and Governors' Mental Health Board (Appointed by Michael Dukakis)

I served as chairman of the Greater New Bedford Red Cross, Choir Director at St. James Church and director of variety shows for St. James and St. John churches.

Please vote for me on Monday, April 4, 2016. I'd like to start working for you again.

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From our readers

Roderick has skills needed

I urge Fairhaven voters to get out and vote on Election Day, and especially to vote for Bernie Roderick for Board of Selectmen.

Bernie's extensive experience as an administrator in our Fairhaven school system, as a citizen on our School Committee, as vice-chair of our Town Government Study Committee, and in public service on several other committees make him an ideal new member of the Board of Selectmen.

Bernie will not be merely a reactive member of the Board. In his Candidate Statement (Fairhaven Neighborhood News, March 10, 2016), he had the foresight to point out issues the Board must face regarding our town's future. These include the growing need for infrastructure improvements, specifically those related to the wastewater treatment plant; the federally identified and potentially costly problem of Fairhaven's emissions of nitrogen pollution to Buzzards Bay; the recent losses of retail establishments and the need to develop a strategy to aggressively market Fairhaven; our need to improve our system of town government by cutting through inconsistent or obsolete bylaws and to develop a much-needed Town Charter.

Each of these projects demands contributions by numerous parties within the town and collaboration among them and the Board of Selectmen in order to succeed. Bernie has demonstrated that he has the skills needed to foster this collaboration. Taken together, his ideas and his experience make him an ideal new member of the Board of Selectmen.

Please vote for Bernie Roderick for Selectman on Monday, April 4, 2016.

Richard Griffiths, Fairhaven

Haworth is proven leader

It's not too often that the right balance of intellect, temperament and commitment come together to form a group to oversee the administration of a City or Town. Luckily, the residents of Fairhaven have the good fortune to have such a group in the current members of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen.

The current members of the Board have faced some challenging issues over the past few years and have performed admirably. The transition to a new form of government will

require that all of the qualities noted above be applied to help the new Town Administrator succeed. It is critical that we maintain this high level of professionalism on the Board.

I believe that the current Chairman of the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, Geoff Haworth, has provided exceptional leadership to the Board and has had the courage to embrace change and create an environment that will continue to move Fairhaven forward. And for that, he deserves to be re-elected.

Recent letters and some of the issues raised by competing candidates for a seat on the Board of Selectmen focus on some issues which, rather than being a negative commentary on Geoff Haworth's performance are actually positive actions in the eyes of most citizens.

There's an old adage that says "you can't please all of the people all of the time."

I suggest that Geoff has done a great job at addressing the issues brought before the Board and has conducted himself with objectivity, professionalism and respect for the views of others.

While there are other quality candidates vying for a seat on the Board, I believe that Geoff Haworth is a proven leader and has displayed the commitment, intellect and temperament to continue moving the Town of Fairhaven in the right direction. With Geoff we have no hidden agendas or strong ties to the past. Just straight forward objective leadership.

I think that the old saying that "you don't change horses in the middle of a stream" is very appropriate for this year's elections. Let's continue to move Fairhaven in the right direction by voting to re-elect Geoff Haworth to the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen.

Robert Konicki, Fairhaven

Freitas is honest & decisive

On April 4th you will be going to the polls and selecting a candidate for Fairhaven Selectman. I ask you to join me in electing Daniel Freitas for selectman.

I have known Dan for many years now. He has a passion and love for the town that I admire. He takes the issues seriously and always seems to have a great insight into town operations. Mr. Freitas always finds facts to base his decisions on. Over the years I have asked Mr. Freitas

many questions concerning our town, and he has always provided me strong answers even after researching it on his own time. I have been watching and attending the selectmen's meetings for the last few years and I feel it is time for a change.

I must say that I think it is embarrassing to our town when our elected officials have shown a condescending attitude toward several town employees and citizens during meetings. I was always taught that you can get your point across clearly by doing so with professionalism and respect.

I also have noticed that the selectmen are making less decisions and town counsel is making more. How much is this costing us taxpayers? Mr. Crotty does an exceptional job and is a true asset to our town, however I feel there is no need for town counsel to be present at every meeting.

I am certain that Dan Freitas will make a fine selectman and serve this town and all its citizens and employees with fairness and honesty! Fairhaven is our town and it is up to us, the residents & tax payers to elect a strong government. I kindly ask you to please join me and my family and vote for Daniel Freitas for Selectman on April 4th.

Nick Costa, Fairhaven

School Comm. also a race

In reading the letters to the editor, most might think the only contested race in Fairhaven is for Selectman, but it is important to remember that there is also a contested race for School Committee. Given that the School Committee manages the largest budget in Fairhaven, we must elect experienced people that are rational thinkers and fiscally responsible. I believe the two people best suited for this role are Stasia Powers and Michael McNamara.

Stasia has served Fairhaven for nine years. In that time, she has gained the knowledge and experience necessary to make sound decisions in support of Fairhaven's schools. Since she has been on the committee, Fairhaven's schools have become the envy of the Southcoast.

Fairhaven High School is a level 1 school, the elementary schools are exceeding expectations, and Hastings Middle School is moving in the right

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on April 12, 2016, 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. *Unaccepted Street Discontinuance*, the applicant, *Town of Fairhaven, Board of Selectmen*, is requesting a Street Discontinuance of Livesey Parkway and Deane Street adjacent to Oxford School, both are

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expenses that residents cannot.

Mr. Costa said he was against any tax increase because they never go down again and any tax breaks come out of the pockets of the remaining residents.

Before it was over, Mr. Dakin and Mr. Cioper mixed it up a bit when Mr. Dakin said that Mr. Cioper quit the Selectboard abruptly and when Mr. Cioper accused Mr. Dakin of wanting to shut down the farmer's market.

Mr. Cioper said he quit because he chose his family and said Mr. Dakin was showing his "true colors" with the "attack."

Mr. Dakin's feud with the farmer's market is no secret. He has said in the past they are selling inappropriate items. He opposed allowing farms to host weddings as a for-profit venture.

Mr. Cioper hit Mr. Dakin on both those points.

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paper streets. The paper streets to be discontinued are illustrated adjacent to Lots 192 & 193 on Assessor's Map 22A.

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

Conservation Commission TIME CHANGE

Please note: Due to the election on the same night, the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will meet at **6 p.m. on April 4**, instead of 6:30.

said Mr. Cioper.

Mr. Dakin said that farms get a huge break on taxes and then want to run other businesses, such as event hosting.

"This is offensive," said Mr. Dakin.

Mr. Costa said people need to be a little more "open minded."

Mr. Dakin and Mr. Cioper also sparred over the LNG proposal.

Mr. Dakin has already been outspoken against it. He called the promised tax windfall a "whisper in the wind."

Mr. Cioper said they do not even know what the proposal is, it keeps changing.

Candidates for other races, including Board of Health and School Committee did not attend.

The candidates night is being run on Cable Access channel 18 and is available on demand through a link on the town's website at www.Acushnet.ma.us

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

TIME CHANGE

Mon., 4/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/31, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 4/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/5 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 4/13 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 4/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 4/5, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

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Thursday	7	0831	2056	0152*	1406*

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Daniel Freitas has been a proven leader in our community for many years! He has served 2 terms on the Board of Public Works. He has a great knowledge of how our town operates and always does what's in the **best interest of the town and its citizens**. He is always willing to listen and lend his knowledge to anyone who needs it. We feel that it is time for a positive change in our select board!

Michael McNamara is new to politics but has spent many years volunteering at the schools. Mike has three children who are in or have gone through our public schools. After having many discussions with him we feel that he has the passion and knowledge to lead our children into the future.

Please join us on **Monday, April 4th** and vote for **Daniel Freitas** for **Selectman** and **Michael McNamara** for **School Committee**.

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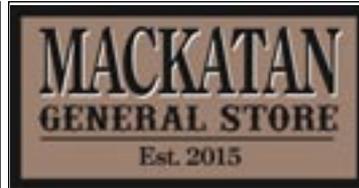


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direction. FHS was also recently re-accredited and received a glowing report. All of this is made possible by enabling the administration to do their job and knowing when to get involved and when to let politics take a back seat. It is people like Stasia that have made this happen.

Also running is Michael McNamara. I have known Mike since our sons entered kindergarten 8 years ago. He is man of integrity and has a passion for seeing this town's schools continue to move in a positive direction. He has been actively involved in the school community and can be seen regularly helping out at PTO events, Band of Brothers races and several other school activities. He has real world experience managing projects with large budgets and knows how to make rational and sometimes difficult decisions.

Stasia is an asset to the Fairhaven School Committee and Mike will quickly become one. We must continue to move our schools forward and I ask for you to support Stasia Powers and Michael McNamara with your vote on Monday, April 4th!

Brian Monroe, Fairhaven

Note: the author is a member of the Fairhaven School Committee

Time for change on Selectboard

It is time for a change on our select board. My wife Rose and I watch the selectmen's meeting and have noticed the lack of timely decision-making. Time and again we see Tom Crotty at the meetings and we wonder, why is he there?

The selectmen use him for the most mundane decisions. How much is this costing us? Why aren't our selectmen making the decisions? We, like a lot of seniors, live on a fixed income.

Now we hear that the new Town Administrator is asking to increase town counsel fees. Speaking of the town administrator, we most recently learned that he could work from home every other Friday so that the public knocking on his door won't bother him. Isn't that what we, the taxpayers, pay him for? Why did the selectmen allow this?

It is time for a change and Rose and I believe that the man to make that change is Daniel Freitas. We watch him at the Board of Public Works

meetings and he listens, is decisive and he does what is in the best interest of the town. We will be voting for him come election time and we hope you will join us and vote for Dan Freitas!

Len Benoit, Fairhaven

Haworth young & innovative

I'm writing to express my support for Geoff Haworth for re-election to the Board of Selectmen. Geoff is a young innovative thinker. He has brought a fresh new approach to the Board of Selectmen and to Fairhaven politics.

In 2013 we elected someone not connected to the old school political machine in town. We put an end to business as usual in town government. I supported Geoff then and I support him now.

He is the only candidate that has not been employed by the town. He is not part of the old school style of politics known to Fairhaven.

Geoff has been a voice for everyone, including the residents of West Island. When the residents of West Island had safety concerns about fishing piers being placed on the causeway, Geoff listened to our concerns and acted.

We need elected officials that listen to the residents and who make decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

We have seen many times in the past what happens when our elected officials don't listen to the community.

Geoff has proven himself to be the effective leader who listens to our concerns. We have seen positive change in the last three years. We have seen an effective leader who has done what he said he would do.

Please join me and vote to re-elect Geoff Haworth on Monday, April 4th.

Frank Coelho, Fairhaven

Republicans should get engaged in caucuses

The Massachusetts Presidential Primary was on "Super Tuesday" March 1 and three Republican candidates, Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and John Kasich, remain in the race to become the nominee of the Grand Old Party. The results of the primary allocated the 42 MassGOP delegates who will be going to Cleveland, Ohio between July 18-21 for the 41st Republican National Convention at the Quicken Loans Arena.

Of those delegates, 27 of them total

will be selected during caucuses held in each of the 9 Congressional districts. Three delegates and three alternates will be elected by those registered Republicans, as of February 10 (the same voter registration deadline as for the primary), who participate on April 30. All 9 caucuses will commence at 10:00 AM, with on-site registration starting at 9:00 AM and advance pre-registration already taking place at www.MassGOP.com/caucus. It is imperative that Republicans from across the Commonwealth, and especially those here in the 9th Congressional district, get engaged and participate in the caucuses.

The 9th Congressional District Delegate Selection Caucus will take place at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School located at 117 Long Pond Road in Plymouth.

There are 3 automatic delegates, by virtue of their state party office, and those are the MassGOP Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman. The remaining 12 delegates, and their alternates, will be elected at-large to represent the entire Commonwealth and that will be done by the State Committee at our meeting on May 25. The allocation of candidate-specific delegates to each caucus will be set by the MassGOP Allocation Committee, to be established by the State Committee at our meeting on April 5. Representatives of the various presidential campaigns who are to receive delegates will also participate.

The work of the Allocation Committee will be completed by mid-April, at that time delegate allotments will be assigned to each of the 27 Congressional district caucuses, 12 at-large delegate slots, and 3 Republican National Committee delegate slots.

In order to protect ballot integrity, valid Massachusetts-issued photo identification and a signed statement attesting to your voter registration will be required to participate in any of the delegate selection caucuses held on April 30.

Those not appearing on a voter list may show a voter registration card, a letter from your municipal clerk, or other Massachusetts documentation that verifies your voter registration.

Those unable to show valid identification or not appearing on the voter rolls and are unable to provide the

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Candidate Statement: Planning Board

Ann Richard

In the next few years our community will be experiencing many important changes. We have already seen this with the new role of the Town Administrator. We are embarking on unchartered waters without an updated plan for where the town is headed.

We currently have a Master Plan that is outdated. The Planning Board and Director have utilized the current plan over the past 15 years. There is a great need to make sure that this plan is updated and expanded upon to ensure the town is planning for our

future. The entire town needs to be involved in making these plans and hearing which way we want our town to move towards into the future.

I am running for reelection to the Planning Board to be part of that process. I feel that this is a very important board and we need to be willing and able to provide leadership on this board to assist in this transition within the town.

As a member of this board, I will provide a different view of assistance that is not hindered by a cloud of historical votes and views that are taken for the wrong reasons. I

research the requirements, bylaws and issues, and try to make decisions on sound reason not only judgmental biases.

I hope to be re-elected to serve on this board for one more term. I do not think that members of any elected board should serve continuously without interruption. We need to hear from different people and allow other points of view to be heard and not be intimidated. I will try to provide level-headed decisions that will hopefully help create a vision for the future of our town and be a different voice that is heard.

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There is no quorum for a Congressional district caucus. Potential delegates may be nominated and elected in absentia but all nominations must be seconded. Voting will be by secret ballot. All delegates and alternates are responsible for their own costs associated with attending the Convention.

As Chairman Kirsten Hughes has said, "After seeing record Republican

turnout in the Massachusetts presidential primary, the MassGOP is excited to continue our grassroots momentum at the delegate caucuses this spring. While Democrats bolt from their Party because of uninspiring, out-of-touch candidates, Republicans are energized to turn the page and elect a GOP President this fall, and the caucuses are an important step in that process."

The Massachusetts Republican Delegate Selection Caucuses will be an opportunity for committed and

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As a native of Russia, Tatiana emigrated to the US 9 years ago because she loved the American way of life, the country’s values and the American people’s strong work ethic. She believes America is a unique country that stands for something special in the world. She realizes that education is the key to success in American life. Tatiana, having studied 8 years in the Bilibino School of Music, and a piano player, strongly supports arts in school. She understands that educating the children is a team effort openly involving the community, parents, teachers and the school committee.

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