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Town Meeting zips through warrant



Fairhaven Town Meeting members start the meeting with the National Anthem performed by the Fairhaven school system's string students on Saturday, 5/7, at Hastings Middle School. TM members appropriated about \$58 million in spending including the operating budget and spending articles on the TM warrant. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Town Meeting had its say on the big spending of the town this week (see page 12).

I'm happy to say I still got a few decent quotable quotes, even though Mr. Osuch and Mr. Roderiques said not a word. We still have plenty of characters to go around in this town.

As for what's coming up, the Stamp Out Hunger campaign is this Saturday (see pages 5 & 18). This is the one when you put a few cans out by your mailbox. Donations have been steadily going down the last few years, so don't forget, okay?

There's plenty to do this weekend. The seasons are a-changing. See the happenings pages and a few other spots to see what's going on. There's something for everyone this time of year.

I had planned to go on a bit about all the fun stuff going on this week, but then the horrific events unfolded at the Galleria Mall in Taunton.

A man attacked seven people, killing two. He was shot to death by an off-duty Plymouth County Sheriff's deputy (see page 4).

A Voc-Tech teacher was also killed in the fray. George Heath intervened, saving the life of a waitress who was being stabbed by the rampaging man.

Mr. Heath's wife, his colleagues at the school and from other places he worked, are all weighing in on his character and his courage.

It is beyond heartbreaking to hear of tragedies like this. The man's family was quick to blame the hospital that let him go that day.

Others are calling him all kinds of names.

The usual stuff about guns and violence is also getting thrown around.

It's just so random: An 80-year-old eating dinner at home with her 48-year-old daughter; shoppers at Macy's; diners at Bertucci's.

Let's just shut up about the politics for a minute, okay? Let's just be human for a moment and share the human tragedy suffered by all those who were attacked, and especially the family members of those who were killed.

We can talk politics later.

Until next week then,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Deadline this Friday on essays for winning trip to Japan

The deadline for the essay contest for Fairhaven High School students to win a trip to Japan has been extended, but, nonetheless is now upon us.

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society (WMFS) is offering a free trip to Japan during the Manjiro Festival to be held in late October. The WMFS delegation will include members of the society, a sitting Selectboard member and his family, and a former Selectboard member.

Students of Fairhaven High School, sister school to Shimizu High School in Tosashimizu, Japan are eligible to enter the contest.

The overall theme is: Given the challenges that Manjiro faced, how would they relate to your own life? Include the following in a 2-4 page essay, typed and double-spaced:

- A brief, two-paragraph summary of the story of Captain William Whitfield and Manjiro Nakahama (also known as John Mung in Japan)
- Give evidence from the story as to Manjiro's courage and perseverance during the challenges he faced.

- How do his challenges relate to a challenge or goal in your life?
- What inspires you most about the Whitfield-Manjiro story?

Resources are available at the Millicent Library and the Society's website.

The winner will be part of the WMFS delegation which will include Gerry & Ayako Rooney (Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society), Selectboard Chairperson and Mrs. Charles Murphy with their son (CJ), former Selectboard member Michael Silvia (WMFS Vice-President), and others.

Essays should be submitted to: (send or drop in mailbox) Mr. Gerald Rooney, President & CEO, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc., 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, no later than Friday, May 13, 2016.

Manjiro Nakahama was 14 years old when he was shipwrecked on a deserted island in the Pacific in 1841. He was rescued by Fairhaven whaling captain William Whitfield and came to live in Fairhaven, the first known Japanese person to live in the US. Japan was a closed society at the time, but after being educated

Fairhaven schools, Manjiro risked death to return to Japan. He became instrumental in opening Japan to the west.



Manjiro Nakahama

Fairhaven has a special relationship with his home village, now named Tosashimizu. The house Manjiro lived in while in Fairhaven is now a Museum at 11 Cherry Street.

The Manjiro Festival is held every year, alternating between Fairhaven and Tosashimizu.

To learn more visit the Friendship Society's website at <http://whitfield-manjiro.org>; or the Millicent Library at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, or at <http://millicentlibrary.org/manjiro-2/>; or the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 141 Main Street, or at <http://fairhaventours.com/manjiro-nakahama/>

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Pastoral Planning Survey Distribution

The Office for Pastoral Planning & the Parish Pastoral Task Force are gathering feedback on our Parish through an online survey targeted at all parishioners. The Task Force believes it is important to hear from parishioners in order to better understand your perspective on the life of our parish. The results of the survey will help inform the Task Force's thinking as to how Parishes can better minister to the needs of parishioners and the broader community. **All parishioners are encouraged to participate.** Your contribution to this important endeavor is essential for its success.

You can access the survey via the following link:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2682037/Diocese-of-Fall-River-Parishioner-Survey>.

Please submit your response by Tuesday, May 31st. If you have questions contact Mike Arkin at TDC at marking@tdcorp.org or (617) 728-9151 ext. 233 or the Pastoral Planning Office at jregali@dioc-fr.org or 508-675-1311.

NB Voc-Tech teacher among those killed in Taunton rampage

By Beth David
Editor

A New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School teacher was among those killed in a rampage at the Galleria Mall on Tuesday, 5/10.

George Heath, 56, of Taunton, was killed when he intervened in the stabbing of a waitress at Bertucci's in the mall, saving her life.

Seven people were attacked, with two killed, when Arthur Justin DaRosa, 28, of Taunton, went on a rampage that started at a home that seems to be randomly chosen, and then went to the mall, where he attacked women at Macy's, then at Bertucci's.

Off-duty Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy James Creed shot and killed Mr. DaRosa in Bertucci's.

According to a statement by Bristol County District Attorney William Quinn, Mr. DaRosa left a soccer field where his child was at practice and drove to Myricks Street, where he attempted to enter various homes.

At around 6:30 p.m., he gained entry to a home where mother and daughter Patricia, 80, and Kathleen Slavin, 48, were having dinner. Mr. DaRosa stabbed both women. Patricia died from her wounds. Kathleen is at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in stable condition.

According to a statement read by DA Quinn at a press conference, at approximately 6:40 p.m., DaRosa crashed into the front door of the Macy's department store at the mall.

He ran into Macy's and physically assaulted at least three women inside the store. The women all sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

DaRosa then went into Bertucci's, where he armed himself with a knife from the restaurant and attacked waitress Sheenah Savoy.

During the stabbing of Ms. Savoy, George Heath intervened in an attempt to stop the assault. Mr. Heath was then stabbed in the head and mortally wounded.

At this time, off duty Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy James Creed, who was having dinner at Bertucci's with his wife, displayed his badge, identified himself as a law enforcement officer and gave multiple commands for DaRosa to drop the knife. When DaRosa refused to comply, Deputy Creed shot him once in the abdomen. DaRosa was pronounced dead at Morton Hospital.

"We have learned from family members that DaRosa checked himself into Morton Hospital Monday night and was released early Tuesday morning. His sister has indicated that he was acting in a disturbed manner and making irrational statements earlier on Monday, and she suggested to him that he needed to seek help. We are in the process of following up on that information," said DA Quinn. "The only bright spot in this terrible incident is the conduct of two individuals in Bertucci's."

Mr. Quinn then praised the actions



George Heath, a teacher at NB Voc-Tech was killed when he intervened as a man stabbed a woman at Bertucci's in the Galleria Mall. Facebook photo.

of Mr. Heath and Mr. Creed.

Mr. DaRosa's family also made a statement, where they laid the blame squarely on Morton Hospital, saying he was not treated for his condition but released. They asked for people to remember that he was a human being with a family and friends, and not think of him as a monster. They also consistently referred to the incidents as the "accident."

Mr. Heath's wife Rosemary, who was with him at Bertucci's, wrote on her Facebook page: "My sweet, caring, adorable, funny, love of my life was stabbed at the Taunton mall last night. His wound was too extensive and he died. He LOVED his job, his STUDENTS, his LIFELONG friends and his FAMILY."

She asked that people remember him and not the man who killed him.

Also hurt in the attack were: Wendy Ann Oliveira, 45 who has been released from the hospital; Laura Miola, 65, who is expected to recover; Jucelia Gleason, 38, who has been released from the hospital.

For DA Quinn's full statement, visit our website at www.NeighbNews.com



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Blessing of the Bikes

St. Joseph's 18th annual Blessing of the bikes, **Sun., 5/15 (rain date 5/22)**. **Sign up at 10 a.m.**, kickstands up at noon sharp. Starts at **Ft. Phoenix, Fairhaven, rear parking lot. \$15/ bike**. Ride is about two hours on backroads, ends at Ice House Bar & Grill in Fairhaven with live music on the outdoor stage by The Relics and The Cut Eyes. Outside cash bar, \$5/biker BBQ selections. Vendors Jewelry by Vicki and Minuteman Harley Davidson. Sponsored by St. Joseph's and Ice House Grill. Benefits St. Joseph's School. For more information, call Liz, 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337.

Stamp Out Hunger

The annual National Association Of Letter Carriers' food drive will be held on **Sat., 5/14**. Residents are asked to leave nonperishable goods on or near their mailboxes, where letter carriers and volunteers will collect them for distribution to local food pantries. See details on page 18.

Car Wash/Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 52, St. Mary's Parish, Fairhaven, is holding a car wash on **Sat., 5/14**, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at the NFIA building at Benoit Square, adjacent to the old Oxford School. Cars, \$5; trucks, \$10.

Ham & Bean Supper

Fairhaven Lions Club and Fairhaven Village Militia will be holding their **3rd Annual Ham & Bean Dinner, Sat., 5/14, 5– 8 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center 229 Huttleston Ave. Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00** (5 & under). Ham, Beans, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, rolls, beverage, dessert. DJ Johnny Angel, Silent Auction, Classic Cars. Accessible. For tickets contact: COA 508-979-4029, Ellie 508-441-7566 or Bill 508-996-3420.

Bicycle Rides/Free

Come join the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee kick-off the 2016 State Bike Week, on **Sat., 5/14, at Fort Phoenix. Registration, 9:30 a.m., ride at 10**. There will be gifts for the first people to register. There will also be a few maps to help the riders navigate the three rides we have

created: Short, 9 miles; medium, 20 miles; long, 34 miles. Let's hope for nice sunny day

Livesey Clean-up

The Fairhaven Rotary Club is sponsoring a Clean-Up of **Livesey Park on Sat., 5/14 from 9 a.m. to Noon**. Meet at the NFIA building at Oxford School. For more info, email Pattie at pmederios67@comcast.net

Irish Night

West Island Irish Night, **Sat., 5/28, 5 p.m., at the WI community center, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. Tickets: \$15**, call Shirley at 508-996-3473. Featuring traditional boiled dinner at 5 and Eddie Dillon and Alfie O'Shea from 5–8. BYOB.

Texas Hold 'em

Bristol County Bandis Senior Hockey Present their third annual Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser Tournament, **7 p.m. Sat., 5/21. Registration at 6 p.m.; \$60 Buy-In, \$20 Add-On**. Must be 21 years or older to play, prizes will be 50% of game proceeds. Call Marc Santos at (774)473-0563 to register in advance and receive additional chips. The tournament will be held at the **Town Crier, 5 Maitland Street, Fairhaven**.

Walk for CF

May is National Cystic Fibrosis Walk Month with 70 chapters nationwide; The Great Strides Walk in Fairhaven is scheduled for **Sun., 5/22**, at DCR Fort Phoenix State Reservation, Fort St. Fairhaven. Check-in: 10 a.m. Walk at 11 a.m.

Get involved in the Great Strides Walk by calling the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter at 508-655-6000 or by visiting the website at www.cff.org/Chapters/mass-ri/

Rte. 6 Paving

On May 16, MassDOT will be conducting road work on Route 6 in New Bedford and Fairhaven. The work will consist of milling and paving and will be performed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. with an estimated completion date of May 26.

During construction, traffic will be detoured around thru Route 18, Interstate 195 and Route 240. Traffic in the area of Main Street in Fairhaven

can travel north to Howland Road/Coggeshall Street to reach Route 18 or Interstate 195.

Book Discussion

Jim Shepard's novel, "The Book of Aron" is the selection for May 19th, 10:00 a.m., a

Thursday morning discussion taking place at the Millicent Library's meeting room, easily accessible from the Walnut Street entrance. The story, written as a memoir by Aron, one of the children of the Warsaw Ghetto, relates how smuggling and trade through the "quarantine walls", helped to keep the people alive. Aron's rescue by a Jewish-Polish doctor, who encourages him to reveal the atrocities they have all suffered, leads him to continue his detailed writing.

"The Book of Aron" can be checked out at The Millicent Library, as well as reserved through the inter-library site, SAILS. All are welcome to come to this discussion which lasts about an hour.

FHA Spring Concert

The Fairhaven Music Department will hold its Spring Concert on **Thurs., May 19, in the Performing Arts Center, Fairhaven High School, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5** and will be sold at the door.

Animal-loving Artists

Your creativity can help animals in need! Art On Center is teaming up with The Humane Society & Shelter, South Coast to present an art exhibition and fundraiser to benefit the Humane Society.

Both Art On Center and the Humane Society & Shelter, South Coast are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. For more information please call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org

The deadline for entries, which must be delivered to Art On Center, 15 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, is 6pm on Wednesday, June 1st.

The opening reception is on Saturday, 6/4, from 1-4 pm and the public is invited. Free parking. Accessible. The exhibition will run through the month of June, during which time pet food and supplies will also be collected for the Humane Society.

FHS Honor Soc. packages items for food pantry, animal shelter



On Friday, 5/6, members of the Fairhaven High School Honor Society packaged more than \$200 in personal care items and donated the packages to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. The Shepherd's Pantry received sets for men, women and children. We also paid attention to the pets and donated cat food with our extra profit to the Center for Animal Rescue and Education in Acushnet. Community service is very important to the Honor Society, and because pantries and shelters are running low on supplies this time of year, we felt it was a great opportunity to give back. All the products were bought with money made from bracelet sales by the Honor Society. LEFT: Packages destined for the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet are lined up in the rotunda of Fairhaven High School on 5/6. RIGHT: Members of the Fairhaven High School Honor Society pose with boxes they packaged for the Shepherd's Pantry on 5/6. *Submitted photos.*

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FHS Girls Tennis team falls to ORR



The Fairhaven High School girls tennis team hosted Old Rochester Regional High School at Hastings Middle School and fell 0-5 to the Lady Bulldogs. With the loss, the Lady Blue Devils fall to 3-5 overall with a 2-4 SCC record. Lexi Lima battled Morgan Middleton for three sets, but fell 6-4, 1-6, 3-6. Eliana DaCunha lost to Olivia Bellefeuille 0-6, 1-6 in the second singles matchup and Alexis Duarte fell to Delaney Pothier 0-6, 3-6 in the third singles matchup. Fairhaven's first doubles team of Leah Stevenson and Kelly DiBiasio lost to Emma Collings & Sophia Church 1-6, 1-6, while the second doubles team of Valeri Gillette and Lacey Pinard lost to KK bindas & Alexis Parker 3-6, 3-6. ABOVE LEFT: Eliana DaCunha keeps her eyes on the ball. ABOVE MIDDLE: Lexi Lima returns a vicious forehand for the point in her three match battle against Morgan Middleton. ABOVE RIGHT: Alexis Duarte prepares to hit the backhand shot. BELOW LEFT: Alexis Duarte charges in to return the forehand in her 0-6, 3-6 loss to Delaney Pothier in third singles. BELOW MIDDLE: Alexis Duarte charges in to return the forehand in her 0-6, 3-6 loss to Delaney Pothier in third singles. BELOW RIGHT: Valeri Gillette charges in to return the shot in the second doubles match. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Yard & Bake Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will hold an indoor Yard & Bake Sale on Fri., 5/20, from 5–8 p.m., and Sat., 5/21, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, corner of Purchase & School Sts., downtown, N.B.

For info/drop-off: please call Lora at 508-998-1718. Benefits church programs.

Palmer Isl. Cleanup

The public is invited to participate in the Palmer Island Cleanup on **Sat., 5/14, from 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Meet at the east end of Gifford St., New Bedford.**

We ask that you bring your own heavy duty gloves and be sure to wear protective footwear, sunscreen, water bottle, and appropriate clothing. Instructions on what to do with certain types of refuse will be discussed at the beginning of the cleanup.

Wrestling F-R

House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling, based out of New Bedford, MA, will be having a DoubleHeader this weekend.

On Fri., 5/23 at Dublin's Sports Bar & Grille, 1686 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, HoB presents Wrestling For Alex to help raise money for a very special young man named Alex Pateakos, a 12 year old boy from of Marion who has been wrestling his own battle with Spinal Muscular Atrophy; and at Dublin's Sports Bar & Grille, proceeds from that night will be going to help Alex and his family. Tickets for that event are **\$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.** Doors open at 6pm with a bell time of 7pm. Come on out to help support Alex and the Pateakos family and see a great night of professional wrestling action provided by House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling.

On Sat., 5/14, at Dias Field, 106 Nauset Street, New Bedford, House Of Bricks returns to the place where it ALL began. For the EIGHTH consecutive year, HoB teams up with the Greater New Bedford Youth Baseball League, for the start of another season of wrestling fundraising events. On May 14th, HoB and the GNB YBL present Open Season. For the past eight years, HoB and the GNB YBL have been coming together to present fundraising

events at Dias Field and look to make this year the biggest yet in HoB history. **ALL TICKETS for this event are \$10.** This will be an outdoor event and seating will be on the field itself so fans are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets to the field that evening. Gates open at 6pm with a bell time of 7pm.

For more information on HoB, please visit www.HoBWrestling.com

Emerson Weekend

On May 15, the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford will welcome **Ralph Waldo Emerson re-enactor Wendell Refior** for Emerson Sunday. Mr. Refior will be delivering the sermon as Emerson at the church service at 11 am, with a luncheon to follow. There will also be a short series of lectures beginning at 1:30. Dr. Fred Gifun will discuss the Quaker schism of the 1820's and Emerson's connection to the church, where he served as minister briefly in 1833-34. Local historian Bob Maker will give a short talk about Emerson's secular lectures in New Bedford. Wendell Refior will give the final presentation/discussion, entitled, Human Culture: Emerson's Emphasis on the Ideal. **The church is asking for a \$10 donation for the lectures, but the service and lunch are free.** All are welcome.

Scrimshaw Weekend

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host the 28th annual Scrimshaw Weekend on **May 13 through May 15.** This internationally renowned event is the world's only regular forum where collectors, dealers, curators, folk art and whaling history enthusiasts can share their interest in the historical shipboard art of whalers. Founded in 1989, the event attracts people from across the country and abroad, who gather to share the enjoyment of this distinctive and beautiful art form.

The 7th Annual Nautical Antiques Show on Friday, May 13 kicks off this year's Scrimshaw Weekend.

Registration for the **three-day Scrimshaw Weekend is \$315 for Whaling Museum members and \$370 for non-members.**

For more information or to register for the event, call 508-997-0046 ext. 100 or visit, www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/scrimshaw-weekend.

Opening of Bay FR

The SouthCoast's Community Boating Center (CBC) has announced their 10th Annual Opening of the Bay Fundraiser event. The non-profit group connects the region's underprivileged youth with mentors who aid and enhance their lives. Volunteers have built many relationships with at-risk children, teaching values, skills, and the importance of teamwork.

The organization's flagship program, Summer Youth Sailing, uses boating as a tool to help instill important life lessons such as planning, safety, integrity, and sound judgment.

Early bird tickets are available for \$75 per person and include dinner, cash bar, silent auction, and dancing to the eight-piece musical juggernaut, Soul of Boston.

The fun will begin on **Saturday, May 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 11:00 p.m.**

Under the tent (rain or shine), revelers will descend on the Fort Taber Park, facing beautiful Buzzards Bay in New Bedford's South End.

For more information, contact Bo or Kim at 508-992-6219 or communityboating.org.

Become A Foster/ Adoptive Parent

Open your Heart & Home: Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent! **Join us Sun., 5/15, 12-3 p.m.** to learn about becoming a foster parent, short-term hotline foster parent, or adoptive parent. At YMCA Southcoast, New Bedford Branch, 25 South Water St.

Join the Department of Children and Families and the YMCA to learn how you can make a difference in the life of a child in need! Sponsored in part by United Way of Greater New Bedford and New Bedford Community Connections Coalition Task Force for Foster Care Support.

RSVP to 617-748-2197. Visit www.mass.gov/dcf to learn more!

SAVE THE DATE:

Spanish Replica Ship in NB

El Galeon, the authentic wooden replica of a galleon, will be at State Pier from 5/19–5/22, for tours. \$10/adults, \$5/children. Visit www.fundacionnaovictoria.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

LNG Meeting

The Mass. Energy Facilities Siting Board is holding a public meeting on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet on **Thurs. 5/12, at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet.** The project is currently being review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Siting Board also seeks written comments concerning the project. Send comments by email to BOTH robert.j.shea@state.ma.us and dpu.efiling@state.ma.us or by U.S. mail to Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, Attn: Robert Shea, Presiding Officer. **Deadline for comments is May 20.** The Siting Board will use the comments it receives, whether oral or written, in drafting a comment letter on the project of FERC. Contact Robert Shea with questions.

Additional information about the project is available on the FERC website, <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the FERC docket number PF16-1. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or call FERC at 1-866-208-3676.

LNG FERC Mtg.

Wed., 5/18, at Ford Middle School, 7 p.m. Meeting with officials from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet.

Herring Festival

The Buzzards Bay Coalition welcomes the community to celebrate the Acushnet River during the first **Acushnet River Herring Festival on Sat., 5/14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet.** The festival is **FREE** and open to all, and will feature food, music, live bird demonstrations, canoeing, guided walks, and kids' activities. The event celebrates the restoration of the Sawmill and the creation of a new public park along the shores of the Acushnet River during the annual river herring migration.

Last November, the Coalition opened the Sawmill after a multi-year restoration that improved the health of the river and created a public park.

At the Sawmill, visitors can walk along the river, explore the woods, look for birds, go fishing or launch a canoe or kayak.

For more details visit: www.savebuzzardsbay.org/Events.

Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's May meeting will be **Wed., 5/18, at 7:30, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., Dartmouth.** Alicia Crabbe will discuss the birds of Yellowstone National Park.

Alicia is a volunteer for the Yellowstone Institute, the educational organization that connects people to the Park. She has spent the last two spring and summer seasons at the Lamar Valley Buffalo Ranch, a historic ranch in the park's northeast corner. The Ranch is far from any other development; residents live in log cabins, heated with propane. There are no electrical outlets; there is no modern plumbing. Alicia will tell us how it felt to live simply in a remote section of Yellowstone, observing and sharing her time with wildlife.

Women on Target

The Fin, Fur, and Feather Club of Mattapoisett announces an upcoming **Firearm Safety training course called Women On Target, on Sat., 5/21.** The full day course (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) includes classroom instruction as well as experience at the club's archery, trap, pistol, and rifle ranges. This program does meet the requirements for licensure. **The cost of \$75** includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and course materials. Registration is required. Class size will be limited. Contact Linda Meredith at 508-758-6790 for an application form.

BBC Mtg & Awards

The Buzzards Bay Coalition invites its members and the public to celebrate the organization's past year of accomplishments during its members' reception and 28th annual meeting on **Thurs., 5/19 at the Bay Pointe Club in Onset.**

The evening, which is **free and open to all**, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception for Coalition members, board and staff. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be a brief discussion of the organization's 2015

accomplishments, election of board members, and a presentation of the 2016 Buzzards Bay Guardian Awards and Volunteer of the Year awards.

This year, the Coalition will be presenting three Guardian awards that recognize leadership in reducing addressing nitrogen pollution, the clean up of coastal debris, and restoring natural resources. Recipients include:

- Guy Campinha, Director of the Wareham Water Pollution Control Facility for operating the region's highest performing wastewater treatment plant and for his visionary work to address water pollution across upper Bay communities.
- Horace Field, former Mattapoisett Harbormaster for drawing attention to extensive Styrofoam pollution in a salt marsh in Brant Island Cove. As a result of his determination to fix the problem, the town's conservation commission has required the cleanup of the marsh.
- Steve Hurley, Fisheries Biologist with the Mass Department of Fish & Game, for his advocacy to restore the region's streams to support native migrating fish.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The Bay Pointe Club is located at 19 Bay Pointe Drive in Buzzards Bay. For more information and directions to the annual meeting, contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 or visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events.

Suicide Prevention

The Samaritans of Fall River/New Bedford, Inc., a suicide prevention and crisis line, is hosting a gathering for all those affected by suicide. The event will include a service remembering the lives of loved ones lost to suicide, two guest speakers, and an opportunity for those present to share their experiences.

This survivors memorial service will held on May 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree St., Fall River, behind B building, near the pond

The Samaritans also offers Safe Place, a self-help survivor's support group, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please call 508-679-9777 or email samsfrnb@aol.com with any questions regarding either event.

Recipe of the Week

Grilled Lamb on Rosemary Skewers

2 lbs boneless lamb shoulder, cut into chunks
 10 to 20 fresh figs
 Rosemary branches
 ¼ cup+- extra virgin olive oil
 Salt freshly ground black pepper to taste
 ½ c freshly squeezed lemon juice
 2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
 1 tbsp minced fresh rosemary

Start a charcoal or wood fire or gas grill; fire should be moderately hot. Thread lamb and figs onto rosemary branches, three or four chunks or figs per skewer. Do not mix meat and figs on same skewer.

Brush lightly with olive oil and season with S&P. Mix together the lemon juice, garlic and minced rosemary and brush a little of this mixture on lamb and figs.

Grill, turning skewers as each side browns and taking care to avoid flare-ups; total cooking time should be from 6 to 10 minutes for medium-rare meat, and 4 or 5 minutes for the figs. Meat will become slightly more done after you remove it from grill, so take this into account.

From www.cooking.nytimes.com

ZBA approves dog special permit

By Beth David
 Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals, made quick work of its hearings on Tuesday, 5/3.

David Dias of 528 Bridge Street received permission for a special permit for an Animal Kennel in a residential district.

Mr. Dias, who has lived at the residence for 34 years, said he had three dogs, but wanted to get two more. More than three dogs requires a kennel permit.

ZBA chairperson Peter DeTerra explained to the board what Mr. Dias wanted and asked for a vote.

Board member Rene Fleurent asked if maybe they could get a few details, such as if there is a fence, how the large amount of waste would be disposed of, etc.

Mr. Dias said the yard was fenced in. The dogs go in and out of the house, but are confined to the fenced in

area.

No neighbors were present to speak on the matter and the permit was approved.

Three rescheduled hearings by petitioner Ronald Oliveira, to build on 33 Charity Stevens Lane, 31 Charity Stevens Lane and 27 Charity Stevens Lane, were continued to the June 7 meeting at Mr. Oliveira's request because the Conservation Commission had not made a determination. Mr. Oliveira proposes to build three homes, one on each of the properties, and needs a special permit for building in the Nasketucket River Basin.

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Town Meeting flies through spending \$58 million before lunch

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting (TM) made quick work of appropriating more than \$58 million, and going through approximately 50 articles at the annual town meeting on Saturday, 5/7.

Unexpectedly, the sale of the Oxford School building did not stir the discussion anticipated because the Selectboard decided, at an early morning meeting before TM, to pass over the article instead of bringing it to a vote.

After TM, Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy said it was a unanimous vote to pass over the article and to ask the developer for more information, such as an architect's rendering of the outside of the building and more detailed plans of the grounds. He said the town will most likely hold a special TM in the fall to vote on the sale.

Falling into the category of "you never know what Town Meeting will do," the deliberative body spent lots of time discussing articles that did not, at first blush, seem controversial, and also zipped by others that showed some early promise of causing serious debate.

The fight over the additional \$15,000 for Town Administrator Mark Rees never materialized, although Therese Szala objected, saying it created a "very serious precedent" to re-open the salary negotiations after just four months.

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, who used the wage re-opener as a campaign issue, said he supported the increase.

Selectboard members Charles Murphy and Bob Espindola explained that the job had been advertised at \$150,000, but that last year's budget could not support the whole amount.

So, the Selectboard negotiated the wage opener.

Mr. Rees has shown a "tremendous amount of leadership," said Mr. Espindola.

Mr. Murphy said it was in the public's "best interest."

TM approved the raise.

Article 7 of the Special TM to hire a consultant to study uses for the Rogers School building, did get some discussion, but not nearly as much as anticipated.

Douglas Brady told TM that the \$33,000 would pay for the town to know exactly what is in the building, and get information on possible re-uses of the building and site.

He urged TM members to support the article so the town can make an "informed decision" on what to do with the building.

The study would identify not only the condition of the building, but also possible funding sources and grants to repurpose the site.

TM passed the article.

In a setback for the Planning Board, article 32, which would have allowed the PB to require a bond of 15% of the cost of a project requiring a special permit, did not pass.

Despite assurances from Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth that the bond was only to be assessed on certain projects to give the PB some clout if developers drag their feet on finishing final items, TM rejected the notion.

Mr. Roth explained that the PB is not on the form to approve building occupancy and it did not look like they would be anytime soon. He also said that the enforcement officer, flatly refused to enforce certain aspects of certain projects.

Mr. Roth said that once a place has

its occupancy permit, the PB has no options. A bond would allow them to either force the developer to comply with the conditions of the special permit, which usually are landscaping and parking lot items, or the PB could use that money to finish the items. He also said the language was "almost verbatim" from other towns' bylaws.

Kevin McLaughlin spoke against the article, saying the language was "very ambiguous," and it would make it more difficult for projects to be developed.

"We want to welcome businesses to town," said Mr. McLaughlin.

Town meeting agreed with Mr. McLaughlin and rejected the measure.

The PB did, however, leave with a couple of victories. TM passed two articles totalling \$110,000 to fully fund the cost of a Master Plan. Article 21 of the Annual TM appropriated \$85,000; article 29 appropriated \$25,000 from Community Preservation Act funds.

Article 31, which rezoned a small parcel on Route 6 from commercial to multi-family, also passed.

As announced at its last meeting, the PB passed over the controversial bylaw change in article 33, which would have included boats in regulations governing auto sales and service stations.

Large spending items that passed included \$870,282 for the Hastings Middle School roof, that will be partly reimbursed by the state; \$153,408 for floors at HMS; road work at \$823,821, including state aid funds; \$500,000 for the capital stabilization fund, which will be used to fund future capital projects, such as equipment; \$8 million in borrowing for the sewer system, including inflow and infiltration.

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tion remediation.

Other capital spending projects that were approved, included \$78,345 for two police cruisers; \$30,000 for a police SafeBoat, that will replace two older boats; \$150,000 for a dump truck; and \$40,000 for a new truck for the Harbormaster.

HM Tim Cox explained that his truck is rotting underneath and has transmission issues. He said the new truck will also be better able to pull the boats that the department has.

Community Preservation Committee Funds were also used for a project in Mattapoisett to protect drinking wells (\$50,000); boiler replacement at Dana Court (\$50,000); window restoration at the high school (\$70,000); and library exterior work (\$159,00).

One CPC article that got a rise out of some people was the proposed siding for the Academy Building. The Historical Commission requested \$45,000 to replace the clapboard with natural shingles.

Discussion revolved around two points: One, that there was no clear evidence that the historic building had shingles, it may have had clapboard all along; and two, that replacing almost all the clapboard because a small section is rotted, causing the paint to peel is overkill.

It is like killing a mosquito with a cannon, said Catherine Delano.

Al Benac was very vocal against the change, saying there was no evidence that it was ever shingled.

"So, they dont know what they're doing here," said Mr. Benac.

Wayne Oliveira, chair of the Historical Commission, said there was evidence that the building was once shingled.

He said the paint keeps peeling in the same spots and needs to be replaced.

"We keep spending good money after bad," said Mr. Oliveira. "We're just chasing our tail on this one."

In the end, TM voted not to fund the measure. The Academy will, most likely, get a paint job this year.

TM did, however, fund an increase of \$35,000 in the legal budget to allow the town to use a contract attorney for union negotiations.

Philip Cardoza, an employee in the Highway Department, objected, saying that contract negotiations were already stalled.

Mr. Rees said the increase would also allow the town to use town counsel for grievances and other disputes.

In other business TM:

- Approved the transfer of land at the Taber House.
- Approved bylaw word changes related to the Town Administrator Act to fix errors, such as removing all references to "Executive

Secretary," etc., and rewriting the portions pertaining to the Board of Public Works, which was retained by townwide vote;

- Approved a request for a beer and wine license for Pizzeria Brick, which will have to go to the legislature;
- Approved acceptance of Welcome Street and Rockland Street, but rejected accepting Treasure Bay Lane;
- Approved a bylaw aiming at protecting the water supply, that would make it illegal, except by permit, to remove water from ponds and streams;
- Approved the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with Blue Wave Capital;

This was the first town meeting for new Town Adminisrator Mark Rees, who gave a presentation at the beginning of TM pointing out changes and other highlights. The format had several changes, including a printed cheat-sheet with all the changes, instead of the oft-cited and joked-about slide-show with laser pointer favored by former Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

All in all, the town's operating budget came in at about \$45.4 million, which includes \$21.5 million for the school department and the vocational schools, plus \$13.3 million in spending articles.

Town Meeting Quotable Quotes

I'll turn it over to my big brother [Moderator Mark Sylvia about Mike Silvia, getting some mileage out of an old misconception that the two are related]

"Let's give him a big round of applause [Mark Sylvia about Mike Silvia for his help moderating — for about two seconds]

Better to receive more money than anticipated than the other way around [Town Administrator Mark Rees in reference to estimating anticipated receipts conservatively]

To kill a mosquito with a cannon [Cathy Delano about replacing the siding at the Academy Building because of peeling paint]

We aim to please at Town Meeting [Mark Sylvia]

The print is getting smaller and smaller [Charles Murphy]
Your eyes are getting worse and worse [Mark Sylvia]

Mr. Murphy doesn't have his glasses [Mark Sylvia after Mr. Murphy said "appointment" instead of "appropriated"]

I've gotta get glasses next year [Charles Murphy]

You were waiting for that [Mark Sylvia to Charles Murphy after Mr. Sylvia skipped an article and Mr. Murphy got to make a joke about Mr. Sylvia's eyeglasses, too]

Stuff like that [Tim Cox explaining the technical intricacies of the various needs that will be fulfilled by the mooring software he will buy next year]

I hope the Historical Society will keep warm this year [Al Benac on the \$10,000 for the Historical Commission]

It has all kinds of problems underneath [Tim Cox about the Harbormaster's truck]

So they don't know what they're doing here [Al Benac about the request for siding for the Academy Building]

More? [Al Benac, when Mr. Sylvia warned him he had 15 seconds left at the microphone]

Just so you know, it was a very close vote [Mark Sylvia, after town meeting voted to give Mr. Benac an additional two minutes at the microphone]

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Acushnet questions project's tax claims; budget not balanced

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard and School Committee met jointly on Monday, 5/9, at the Selectboard's regularly scheduled meeting to appoint an Old Colony representative.

Moderator Robert Francis ran that portion of the meeting. He advised the public that the vote April 25 was null and void as a quorum of School Committee members was not present. On Monday there was a quorum, with three school committee members present. The two boards voted to appoint Evelyn Bouley as their Old Colony representative.

In another matter, Principal Assessor Kelly Koska was on hand to discuss the assessed value, as requested by the Selectboard, on the Peckham Road property with the Liquefied Natural Gas facility slated for expansion.

Ms. Koska stated there were three personal property accounts, two central value accounts, and one affixed account (which included the LNG tanks) with a total committed tax value for FY'16 in the amount of approximately \$603,000.

Ms. Koska said that she did some research and that the board should consider getting the property appraised which would cost approximately \$8,500. She added that LNG has been at that property since the 1970's and that there have been three to five subdivisions built in and around that area.

"I'm not arguing to support or not support this project," she said, but added that she had some concern that the statement that the town will receive \$10-12 million in tax revenue may not be factual.

"That's exactly my concern," Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, who is a member of the LNG Committee, said they could ask Eversource to explain the revenue benefit.

Mr. Gallagher asked the Selectboard to start "thinking and planning," in reference to conducting their own review with consultants.

"We didn't seek them out, they came to us," he said.

He recommended they start chatting with proponents regarding a multitude of concerns. He mentioned a public safety review, and risk

assessments as his top two concerns.

Mr. Gallagher asked for the green light from the Selectboard to send a letter to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to request an extension for comments from approximately 21 days to 45 days. He said that the Attorney General's office was already sending the same letter for a 45-day extension.

The board voted to give the LNG Committee permission to send the letter.

Selectboard chair Garry Rawcliffe asked his fellow members to give him a little leeway in discussing with Attorney Jonathan Eichman about the Town getting possibly, "good faith monies" to help pay for some of the costs that are going to start happening regarding the LNG project. Mr. Gaspar and Mr. Cioper agreed.

Enough is enough. We are broke. And we are going to get smacked in the head really hard next year, ladies and gentlemen.

[Kevin Gaspar]

Town Clerk Pamela Labonte was also at the meeting at the request of the board to discuss a non binding question proposed for the town ballot in the fall regarding the LNG project.

Ms. Labonte said that she checked with the election office and was told the Selectboard could not put a non binding question on a state ballot; they could only put the question on their own annual Town ballot, which would not be until Spring 2017.

"This makes my blood boil," Chairperson, Garry Rawcliffe said. "This is cockamamie b.s. if you ask me."

Chief Gallagher explained that they were currently in the pre-filing process with LNG, which started last November and will go until this November. The formal application process will start in November, so the Selectboard would still have time to pose the question to residents in April.

Mr. Gallagher said that he would be very surprised if FERC did not accept the data from the question posed in the April election that may shine a negative light on the project. .

He did say that the FERC was going to meet with the LNG Committee on May 18th, and that he would ask the question if April's election would be too late to acquire the data from a proposed question on the ballot.

In other business, Town Administrator Alan Countinho gave an overview of the budget. He stated that the finance committee was having a difficult time balancing it. He met with all department heads and they were able to cut \$180,000. Mr. Countinho went through the cuts that reached that \$180,000.

"We're talking significant cuts," he said.

Some of the cuts he spoke about in Town buildings was to cut overtime by \$600, to cut a police cruiser out of the police budget, to cut fire alarm inspections and only offer half of the trainings for the Fire Department; and a cut of \$46,000 from the highway department.

A significant cut came from the trash costs at SEMASS, \$50,000, by cutting out the big garbage pick up day and not collecting TV's, electronic equipment, etc.

Mr. Countinho told the board that the veterans agent was comfortable cutting \$40,000 from his budget.

"We knew this was coming," Garry Rawcliffe said. "We shouldn't be surprised."

Mr. Gaspar was upset about the cuts and spoke for some time regarding them.

"Sooner or later something has to change," he began. "Fixed costs are increasing, how do we move forward."

He made reference to the Finance Committee not being able to balance the budget and stated that they are only "fictitiously balancing a budget."

"We don't have the money to move forward," he said. "When does this madness stop? I don't want to start picking on people, but I'm going to have to."

Mr. Countinho said that he saw the trash this year as one of their biggest issues. They were one of the first towns to use SEMASS and now this year they are going to have to pay

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market rate to dispose of the trash. He also stated that the police department has been understaffed for years and now the public safety is a demand by the people in Town.

Mr. Gaspar was not quite finished. He referenced a "certain someone" on the finance committee saying that the Selectboard should impose a trash fee.

"It's not going to happen while I'm here," he said. "Meanwhile the school department is cutting back their budget. Look at their transportation, it has gone up \$246,000 in four years."

Mr. Gaspar also stated that on average the School Department budget has increased \$369,000 in four years. "They're wiping out every available penny."

"Enough is enough," Mr. Gaspar said. "We are broke. And we are going to get smacked in the head really hard next year, ladies and gentlemen."

Garry Rawcliffe asked for a motion to accept Mr. Countinho's proposed cuts and to allow the Finance Committee to find the rest of the cuts; the motion passed.

Mr. Gaspar said that the town is

going to deplete its savings even more, and that they really need to have a truly balanced budget.

In other business a letter from the finance committee for a release of overlay surplus funds was tabled.

"I know my answer is no," Mr. Rawcliffe said turning to Mr. Gaspar, "as I'm sure your answer is no."

The board also appointed Debra Blais to the Beautification Committee, Lorraine Macy-Holiday to the Cultural Council, Michael St. Orange to the Finance Committee and David Costa to the Board of Appeals.

Acushnet LNG Committee hears from AG, Fusion Center

By Pattie Pacella

Neigh News Correspondent

More than 20 residents from surrounding towns, including Fairhaven, Dartmouth and New Bedford attended the Acushnet LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 5/10. The committee heard from Major Christopher Mason of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fusion Center, as well as Attorney Sarah Bresolin of Attorney General Maura Healey's office. AG Healey is among those opposed to allowing ratepayers to be billed for these types of projects.

Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher, the Chairperson for the LNG Advisory Committee, stated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00p.m., at the Ford Middle School. He advised the committee that FERC also agreed to meet with their committee that afternoon at 3:00 p.m., where they will be able to ask Acushnet-specific questions.

Chief Gallagher explained that FERC had put on their website that the public comment feedback deadline is May 30th and that the Attorney General's office has already sent a memo to ask for a 45 day extension. Chief Gallagher has also

written a letter to ask for the same 45 day extension.

Major Mason gave a brief synopsis of what the Mass. Fusion Center does, which includes communication through all intelligence agencies to provide the best communication of any threats (bomb, terrorists, other) to the local level. He said it is a collaborative effort among all intelligence organizations: FBI, DEA, DHS, Analysis, etc. Major Mason stated that the Fusion Centers were created after September 11, 2001.

Specifically to energy infrastructures in the commonwealth, Chief Gallagher asked how those threats, if any, are monitored.

Major Mason stated if something internationally develops, such as a threat or attack on an energy sector, it would be shared through the channels (e.g., FBI), they would vet the information and if it may impact a community it is shared with local officials.

LNG Committee member, Bill Lima commented that if the Fusion Center has been opened since 2001 there would be a lot of data that they have compiled. Mr. Lima wondered specifically if there was any "hard" data of suspicious activity on LNG facilities.

Major Mason replied they are constantly evaluating any infra-

structure facilities and there was no hard data specifically on LNG facilities.

Acushnet Police Chief Michael Alves was on hand, and he stated he receives weekly updates from the Fusion Center.

He said that they are a "real resource and we do use it."

The second guest speaker was Attorney Sarah Bresolin of Attorney General Maura Healey's office. Attorney Bresolin spoke about the attorney general's interest in making sure natural gas, electric, water, and energy delivery is safe, reliable and affordable for the taxpayer.

She gave an overview of the FERC proceedings, and resource reports that will be available in June. She advised the public and committee, to get on the e-subscription on the FERC website (www.FERC.gov) to leave comments and get updates.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 12th at the Ford Middle School with the Mass. Energy Facilities Sitting Board at 7:00 p.m.

Some residents did comment at the meeting.

Roger Cabral gave his "theory" that LNG may look into exporting gas in the future and that is why the proposed tanks are so big.

The proposed expansion includes two tanks that will be 170 feet high

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With the help of an annual event that is held on every second Saturday in May for the past 23 years called the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger," shelves at local pantries and shelters are restocked with non-perishable food items. Some of the agencies from this area that will benefit from this food drive are St. Anthony's Church, Salvation Army, PACE, Red Cross, Catholic Social Services, all from the New Bedford area; Shepherd's Pantry from Acushnet and the Damien's Pantry from Wareham.

On this day, food items are picked up by letter carriers and their helpers on their individual routes throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Last year, 71 million pounds of food were collected nationally, feeding an estimated 49 million people. This year marks our 24th anniversary to which well over one billion pounds of food have been donated by kind and compassionate people such as yourselves during this time.

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From our readers

fortunate. You then place this food in a bag or in a box and leave it by your mailbox or porch by 8 a.m., rain or shine, on the morning of Saturday May 14th. Your letter carriers and designated helpers will do the rest.

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This yearly venture, being the biggest one-day food drive in our country if not the world, is crucial for the survival of the agencies that are the recipients of this food.

So yes, you can make a difference in people's lives. Please consider our request because together, we can help those in need. Thanks.

*Gerry Payette, Fairhaven P.O.
food drive coordinator*

Cormier Resigns From NFIA

It is with sadness that I inform all of my friends and critics that I have recently resigned from North Fairhaven Improvement Association as well as the Bell Committee of Fairhaven.

I am fine physically but the tension and stress to myself and family are too much for me to endure. I have greatly enjoyed working with the members of NFIA and with their support I now feel NFIA is back on track! They now need someone who is passionate and willing to keep NFIA alive and healthy.

NFIA was formed in 1950 to get the addition to the Oxford School built before the East Fairhaven School's addition. After winning, they started doing the Halloween Horrible Parade and the Christmas Lighting of the Town Hall building and later moved the event to Benoit Square.

Please do not allow this organization to fall into obscurity because no one cared to help them.

Contact them through John Medeiros at 508-990-0000 or NFIA P.O.

BOX 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

I wish to recognize the town's Board of Selectmen for allowing someone who lives out of town to serve on the Bell Committee of Fairhaven. I have truly loved being a part of the removal of the Revere Bell from Oxford School

and being a part of a great positive group of citizens who have donated hours of their personal time to research and preserve a piece of Fairhaven's history. Thank you very much!

I will however continue to serve as a staff member of the children's charity GiftsToGive, Inc. Check them out at www.giftstogive.org.

I will also continue to be available to assist Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

My heart is still in Fairhaven.

Bob Cormier, New Bedford

Growing up in North Fairhaven

Growing up in North Fairhaven in the late 50's and early 60's has many memories. It would be difficult to list everything that made growing up in North Fairhaven special, so how about a few notes that will jog the memory banks.

Bailey's Square...Oxford School... playing wall-ball on the Oxford School Gym wall...Livesley Park...Dean St. sledding...Riverside Cemetery...The Elephant Tree...Dana Farm...Ball St. to the Acushnet Line [No. Fairhaven]...Trippy's [pinball]...North Fairhaven Sea Grille [bowling shuffle board]...Fairhaven Pioneer...Reagan's Supermarket...Coffee Fizzes...Red and White Market...Keith Theater...The Casablanca...Firehouse Sub Station... Al's Fish and Chips...Sacred Hearts Academy [all girl boarding school surrounded by an eight-foot iron fence]...Livesey Park basketball during the winter...Livesey Park tennis courts with a chain link fence for a "net" that was never used...Little Dana Pond...Labor Day Portuguese Feast [complete with the parade from St Mary's Church to Bailey's Square] ...Roland Tire...Newbury's TV...Al's Package Store... Frank's Dairy Bar... John's Shoe repair...Duval's Drugstore... The cannon on Bailey's Square... Weber's Barber Shop...Magnolia Ave...

I am sure there are more.

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Baranowski, Richard "Skin" Souza, Dave Ponte, Earnie Tripanier Jr., Claude Sneziek, Steve Borowitz, Joanne Kidd, Jane Gignac, Janet King

and a few more.

We encourage the readership to possibly add to the list. Keep it going.
Steve and Dave Bender,

HARC: PCB's can become airborne during dredging process

This photo was taken on May 6, 2016, showing a barge mechanically dredging PCB sediments in New Bedford Harbor close to a residential area of Fairhaven and high school.

The contractor was hired by the EPA to lift PCB contaminated sediments out of the water which can cause some of the PCBs to become

airborne. PCBs are definite carcinogens as rendered by the International Research Agency on Cancer in 2014.

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, after the recommendation of the Town Planner, approved this project without proper vetting and a public hearing. Obviously, the BOS was not concerned with public health or a

decrease in property values as a result of this EPA's CAD cell project close by. The Oxford Village area of Fairhaven. The term is misleading as it simply refers to an unlined hole in the riverbed that the EPA dredged out a year ago to bury contaminated sediments.

This project is a year long which means a year long of exposure to PCB contaminated air from this project. Nowhere else in the entire country is this being done. Even Governor Chris Christie would not allow it in New Jersey's Passaic River.

The EPA's air sampling has already shown an increase of PCBs in the air from the project. Higher levels are expected to climb as the project continues. This can also contaminate the soil nearby so it's not recommended that anyone plants a vegetable garden to avoid eating contaminated crops.

Karen A. Vilandry, President, Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc.



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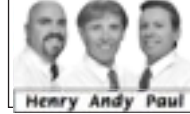
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Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Thomas J. Haworth, RE: 8 Day Street, Plot 28, Lot 45-47; Cert. #22321; 198-23-4B Special Permit required for Home Occupation in Building Trades.
- Petitioner: Daniel J. Reynolds, RE: 154 Fir Street, Plot 43B, Lot 285; Cert. #22085; 198-18 Short 12' of required 30' rear yard, Short 9' of required 20' side yard (south side) and 15 over max building coverage of 15%.
- Petitioner: Heather Spark, RE: 258 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 30C, Lot 004; Book 11458, Page 40; 198-16 Livestock Raising under 5 acres requires a Special Permit in an RA District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 23, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Notice of Intent Applicant Nelson Bernardo Location 855 Sconticut Neck Road Plot 43 Lot 211 Purpose construct single family dwelling within a VE flood zone and within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Richard W. & Mary P. Olmsted Location 105 Cottonwood Street Plot 43A Lots 2000/201 Purpose raise house install foundation and addition all within the 100' buffer zone to BVW (after the fact)
- Notice of Intent Applicant Norman R. & Brenda A. Beauregard Location Torrington Road Plot 29B Lot 271 Construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Jason Ferro Location 14 School Street Plot 24 Lot 24 Purpose construct 24' x 24' shed within the 100' buffer zone to BVW
- Request for Determination Applicant Angela Robertson Location 1 Kayla Drive Plot 22B Lot 1b Purpose install a 16' x 26' above ground pool within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant John Edwards Location 3 Sedgewick Road Plot 29B Lots 479-482 Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to top of coastal bank and coastal dune and within a VE flood zone.

Jay Simmons, Chairman

Fairhaven Meetings

Bell Committee

Thurs., 5/12, Town Hill, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/23, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Wed., 6/8, Senior Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Council

Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

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

Planning Board

Tues., 5/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/17, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

LNG Advisory Comm.

Wed., 5/18, TBA, 3 p.m.

Mass. Energy Facilities/LNG

Thurs., 5/12, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

LNG FERC Meeting

Wed., 5/18, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 5/23, Ford M.S., 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2016	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	12	0100	1335	0640	1855
Friday	13	0157	1430	0913	2149
Saturday	14	0251	1524	1021	2302
Sunday	15	0346	1621	1122	----
Monday	16	0446	1720	0000	1211
Tuesday	17	0544	1809	0047	1250
Wednesday	18	0630	1850	0130	1308
Thursday	19	0709	1927	0210	1235
Friday	20	0747	2003	0241	1258
Saturday	21	0825	2042	0144	1330
Sunday	22	0906	2122	0216	1408
Monday	23	0948	2204	0254	1452
Tuesday	24	1030	2246	0334	1536
Wednesday	25	1114	2331	0414	1620
Thursday	26	----	1203	0454*	1704
Friday	27	0022	1258	0537	1753

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

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and hold 3.4 Bcf (billion cubic feet) of Liquefied Natural Gas each. For comparison, the rainbow tank on the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester is 140 feet high and holds 1.2 Bcf of LNG.

Leslie Dakin also commented that he has recently read a 1,000 acre facility is going up in Louisiana, and the reason why they are requesting 6.8 Bcf in Acushnet is because of future endeavors in exporting.

Dave Hammond said he was also convinced that "exporting is the end plan."

Michelle Keith of Dartmouth asked about the safety concerns.

"How do we protect ourselves," she asked. "What should we be doing?"

Attorney Bresolin replied that they should comment on the FERC website to any of their articles and reports.

The next scheduled meeting is

Thursday, May 12th at the Ford Middle School with the Mass. Energy Facilities Sitting Board at 7:00p.m.

Following that meeting, FERC will be available to hear comments and neighbor concerns on Wednesday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m. with the Advisory Committee at the Town Hall Meeting Room. As well as that evening at 7pm at the Ford Middle School. Both meetings are public meetings.




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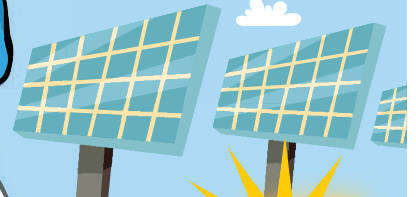
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