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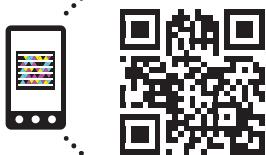
Daylight Savings Cometh, snow begone!



*Change your clocks one hour ahead
on Saturday night, March 8,
when you go to bed. At 2 a.m.
on Sunday, Daylight Savings
Time begins*



Despite the snow and cold weather, Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday morning, 3/9. These birds know that spring is around the corner, even if the weather doesn't seem to be cooperating, as they vie for a spot at the birdhouse, guard the birdhouse, then check out the new digs. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Racing against the clock, and we haven't even changed them yet.

Have so much to rant about and no time to do it.

Let's start with last week's editorial and the upweller.

I spoke with Northeast Maritime Institute owner, founder and president Eric Dawicki, but very little of what he said is usable. Instead of talking to me about my concerns, he only called me names and called the paper names. Seth Garfield, who teaches the aquaculture course at NMI, did sit down and speak with me (see page 12). He explained that the town will not have to pay to fix the upweller, which only needs according to him, \$150 worth of work. The town will pay for the quahogs out of its shellfish propagation budget.

This is not, however, what was said at the meeting. Maybe Mr. Garfield misspoke, but we will not run a correction. The cost of the repairs is not a lot. That's not the point. What Mr. Garfield and Mr. Dawicki would not do, is simply acknowledge that the institute is getting something out of this. Mr. Dawicki just went on and on about how it was donation, and the town asked for an upweller, and it was free and so we should just be grateful.

What he left out was that the Institute will also benefit from the upweller (not that that's a bad thing). They charge \$3725 for the aquaculture course. They need an upweller as part of the program. By donating one to the town, the institute does not have to buy or rent land, get the necessary permits, or hire someone to maintain the upweller. They are teaching people in their course how to operate an upweller so the students can get gainful employment. All that is good. They won't, however, have to gainfully employ someone to operate the upweller. Our shellfish warden will be in charge of that. Again, it's a good thing because the town will get quahogs out of it, good, clean quahogs, not polluted transplants. We like that.

Just acknowledge that you are getting something out of this, too. The shellfish warden is going to use high school students, which Mr. Garfield and Mr. Dawicki mentioned over and over when I spoke to them. They called it an educational opportunity, and indeed it is. It's also free labor.

Please, just acknowledge that this isn't some purely philanthropic, altruistic gesture.

The committee even discussed putting the upweller at Union Wharf instead of Hoppy's Landing, but the water in the river is too polluted. The quahogs wouldn't be usable. Credit the committee members with insisting that it be placed at Hoppy's where the water is clean. I guess it's just a coincidence that the town land at Union Wharf is only a few blocks from the classroom where the aquaculture class is taught.

Mr. Dawicki called me stupid during our encounter this weekend. And, clearly, he believes that I am, indeed, quite the village idiot.

I suppose that's possible, but this issue isn't the one that will prove it.

Until next week then,
See ya...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In response to our Selectboard article and editorial in last week's issue, the Northeast Maritime Institute says now that it will pay to fix the upweller. The town will pay for the quahogs, not the repairs. In the meeting, NMI said that the town would pay for the repairs, but has since said that was in error.

Waiting for Spring



This robin isn't bothered by the cold as it sits among the berries of a West Island holly tree. The birds know that spring is around the corner, even if humans are still grouching about the cold. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

Last call for free political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 7 election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 3/7.

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Selectboard supports town admin; Staffon dogs gone...for now

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard met with the Government Study Committee on Monday, 3/3, to discuss GSC's town meeting articles, including the recommendation that the town switch from an Executive Secretary to a Town Administrator.

Both boards seemed to agree that Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch was a de facto Town Administrator by virtue of his long years of service to the town and the board's faith in him to make decisions. However, the actual authority granted to him by definition of his position is rather limited and would hamper the ability of the town to recruit someone of similar caliber.

The GSC told the board that it has held three open public forums and will hold another in April. The committee also sent a survey out with the annual census and has the survey available online, to gauge public sentiment for some of the proposed changes. The committee was created after the Mass. Department of Revenue issued a report with more than 30 recommendations.

The committee also contacted other towns with similar structures and those that have switched.

"We put in a tremendous amount of time and research," said GSC chairperson Phil Washko.

The committee used as a template the article that was voted down at last year's annual town meeting, making some changes. One change was in regards to a possible dismissal of the new TA. The committee removed the phrase "with or without cause" and replaced it with "for just cause following a formal dismissal procedure including a written intent to dismiss, a written response, and a public hearing."

The board discussed the change, with no one quite sure why the initial language was included.

The board agreed, that although they needed to be able to fire the TA, it should not be behind closed doors.

"The public has a right to know if we dismiss the highest position in the town of Fairhaven," said Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy.

The most important reason for switching to a TA is to give the person in charge the authority to carry out

his duties, said both Selectboard members and GSC members.

Mr. Washko said the committee spoke with "a lot" of TAs and got the same response: if you want to see the town run right, you need to give the person in charge the tools he needs.

"He must have the authority to perform his duties," said GSC member Bernard Roderick.

The TA would have day-to-day oversight authority over all departments except the schools.

The Selectboard would have authority over the TA.

Mr. Murphy explained that instead of a member of the public talking to Mr. Osuch or to Mr. Murphy and then waiting while they call each other back and forth, the resident would simply need to talk to the TA and get

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an answer immediately. As it is, the Executive Secretary needs to check with the board or the board's chair before making decisions.

"The public doesn't have to go back and forth," said Mr. Murphy. "I think the public will like that better. The Board of Selectmen will be an advisor, like a board of directors of the town of Fairhaven."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said that although the board would have less authority, "the board will operate more efficiently."

Now the board is constantly pushing agenda items to the next meeting simply because there is not enough time to deal with them all.

The relief from the day-to-day operations will also free up some time for individual board members.

"In essence, Jeff has been acting in that capacity," said Mr. Washko,

adding that the new structure will not take away authority from the selectboard, but will free up the members from day-to-day tasks.

"We can't hire an Executive Secretary and expect him to jump into Jeff's shoes and do what he does," said Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth, reminding everyone that Mr. Osuch is retiring in 2015.

The change in town structure will require a vote of the legislature.

The GSC also discussed creating a Capital Planning Committee with the Selectboard, another DOR recommendation. The committee would be responsible for forecasting equipment needs for various departments and submitting funding proposals to town meeting.

Mr. Osuch noted that, although the town did not have a centralized capital planning process or budget, that each department does, indeed, include capital costs in its budget.

"We need a capital plan," said Mr. Haworth, "and this committee is definitely the way to go."

The board discussed the various ways to staff a committee, but made no decisions on Monday.

The GSC and board also discussed creating a charter commission, which would undertake a much more comprehensive look at town bylaws and structure. But that is a future endeavor and should not be rushed.

"It will be for another generation," said Mr. Roderick. "So let's get it done and done right."

The boards also discussed the DOR's recommendation to eliminate the Board of Public Works and transfer that authority to the TA.

The GSC is offering a sort of hybrid/compromise solution that would allow a BPW to retain some of its authority, especially in the area of constituent services; meaning that people who are not satisfied with the answer they get from a superintendent or the TA, may go in front of the BPW for redress.

In another matter, the board interviewed auctioneer Jay Kivowitz about handling the sale of several tax title properties. Mr. Kivowitz said he has been handling auctions for the town of Fairhaven for ten years with "good success."

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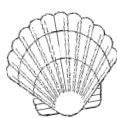
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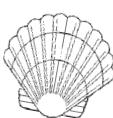
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This year's annual Government Access Candidates Night will be held on Wed., March 12 at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, near Stop & Shop.

All candidates running for political office in the Town of Fairhaven are invited to attend and the general public is encouraged to attend. This Candidate's Night will be recorded by Government Access and played on Fairhaven Channel 18 throughout the Town Election season.

This is the first Candidate's Night of the 2014 Town Election season. This is the first opportunity for the candidates to speak and answer questions from a group of panelists made up of the local press and members of the community.

Also the Fairhaven Senior Center will be holding a bake sale during this event to help raise money to support their programs.

Please contact either Selectman Bob Espindola at 774-263-1046 or Selectman Geoff Haworth at 774-202-9997 with any questions.

FHS Play

The Fairhaven High School Theatre is performing *The Wizard of Oz*, Thursday, 4/3 to Sunday, 4/6. Show times are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the ticket office Tuesday and Thursdays 6-8 p.m. now until the end of the shows. You can also call the ticket office at 508-979-4051 ext. 5411 starting March 10th. Please stay on the line during a 15 second delay to reserve your tickets. Please leave a clear and concise message. All calls will be returned each evening.

FBA Annual Meeting

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. will be holding its Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m., at the Whitfield-Manjro House, 11 Cherry Street. We will be treated to a tour of the museum prior to the meeting.

All businesses are welcome to attend and we will have Membership Applications on hand for all those wishing to join the FBA. Please bring your business cards, one to drop off in the basket for a raffle and the

others to share. If you have any questions about the FBA or our meeting please feel to contact Cathy Melanson, President at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice-President at 508-996-4828. See you there!

\$10. 100% of the proceeds from both admission and CD sales will benefit the Tri-County Music Association Scholarship Fund. For more information contact: matt.richard11@gmail.com

Lenten Mission

Lenten Mission 2014: Come Home to the Joy of the Gospel. Mark your calendars for **March 10th, 11th and 12th** when Fr. Stan Kolasa, ss.cc., Director of the Sacred Hearts Retreat & Spirituality Center, will lead our Parish Lenten Mission. This year's mission is based on Luke 15:11-32 and poses the question to ALL of US, "Do you have the courage to be welcomed home?" The mission reflects on the story of the father and the sons, all sons and ALL OF US. Do we have the courage to "come home to the joy of the Gospel?" Do we realize it is really Good News for us, all of us, but especially for those of us who are so far from perfect and whole, let alone holy? ALL who are imperfect are invited to attend and join in this opportunity to reflect and grow spiritually through the Gospel of Luke. The Lenten Mission will be held on **Monday, March 10th, Tuesday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 13th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish in Fairhaven, MA**. For more information, please call the Rectory Office at 508-992-7300, e-mail stmarysfairhaven@comcast.net or visit www.ssc.org/stmaryfhvn/

CD Release Jazz Concert

Fairhaven native and resident Matt Richard will release a new recording, *The Jazz Club*, and lead his jazz group in concert on **Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m.** The program will take place in the Lyndon South Auditorium at Tabor Academy located on 81 Spring Street in Marion.

The music on this program will consist of contemporary jazz and Latin-American styled compositions written and arranged by Richard. In addition to pianist Richard, the concert will feature drummer Greg Conroy, acoustic bassist Jerry Wilfong, and guitarist Donn Legge.

General admission will be \$10 and *The Jazz Club* CD will be available for

Candidates Night

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc., will be hosting a candidates night on **Tuesday, 3/18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd.** This event will replace the candidates night formally hosted by The North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

We are asking that anyone interested in asking any questions to please send their queries and the intended recipient to Fairhaven Business Association, Inc., c/o Charlene Conway, 14 Brookstone Drive, Lakeville, MA 02346. Also, for their convenience, they may drop off their questions in an envelope at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave. If time allows, we may take additional questions from the audience. The moderators for the evening will be Dr. Brian Bowcock, of Fairhaven Chiropractic, and Wayne Oliveira, of Mike and Wayne's.

This event will be recorded and, if possible, broadcast live. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Melanson, President of the FBA at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice-President at 508-996-4828.

Call For Artists

Art on Center invites artists of all ages and working in any media to participate in their second annual "Art of Fairhaven" competition and exhibition. Join in and share with us your vision of this historic town! (Entrants need not be residents of Fairhaven). **Entries may be submitted through April 16.** The exhibition begins April 19th, with an opening reception from 3-6pm. Winners will be announced and cash prizes awarded. The art exhibition runs through 5/24.

For more information and an application, call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org or drop by the center at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This program is supported by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, which is supported by the

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Home Show

Greater New Bedford Home Show will be held on **March 8 & 9 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745

The largest home and lifestyle show in the region is a great way for area residents to learn about and connect with area home, service and product providers.

General Admission: \$5/Children under 12 are admitted free! Contact Caitlin Tapper, Show Manager, at the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, 508-999-5231 ext. 26 or visit www.newbedfordchamber.com.

Senior Dances

Mayor Jon Mitchell is pleased to announce that his office will again partner with co-sponsor Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. to present the Spring 2014 Fort Taber Dance Series. Area residents are invited to Fort Taber to dance to live music from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on select Sunday afternoons. The dances are free and sponsored by Surprenant and Beneski, P.C., attorneys specializing in Estate Planning, Elder Law, Long Term Care & Nursing Home Care legal planning and document preparation. The Spring 2014 Fort Taber Dance Series is as follows:

- March 9: Meadow-Larks Combo
- March 16: Billy Couto and the After Hours
- March 30: Rick Medeiros
- April 13: Meadow-Larks Combo
- April 27: To be announced
- May 4: Mike Moran Combo

EPA Meeting/ Harbor Cleanup

In an effort to engage and inform community members interested in the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site cleanup, EPA will be issuing periodic topic-based emails relevant to the cleanup. These fact sheets will be distributed by email to the New Bedford Harbor email list, which includes members of the public, resource agencies, public officials from the City of New Bedford and towns of Acushnet and Fairhaven, and local news publications. These fact sheets will also be available on EPA's New Bedford Harbor website.

Upcoming Public Meeting New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site, EPA Public Meeting, National Parks Building, 33 Williams Street New Bedford, MA, March 13, 6-8 pm

For additional information, please visit our website at www.epa.gov/nbh or contact Kelsey O'Neil, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator oneil.kelsey@epa.gov, 617-918-1003

G.I.R.L.S. Program

The Ocean Explorium announces the fifth annual program aimed at promoting the "STEM" fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to girls and young women. Beginning in early March, the Girls Interested in Real Life Science (GIRLS) after-school program will run for ten weeks, giving the Leading Señoritas of Roosevelt Middle School an immersive, intensive learning experience. The GIRLS program is made possible through the generosity of the Women's Philanthropy Initiative — a special program of the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass.

New this year, a single speaker will share her experiences, from studying science to finding a career. On Wednesday, March 12, Heather Marshall, a Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology Graduate Student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, will talk about her recently completed voyage with the research vessel OCEARCH to the Galapagos Islands. A marine biologist specializing in the study of sharks, Ms. Marshall is also co-founder and resident scientist for the Gills Club, a group that works to connect girls with female marine biologists in the field.

The presentation by Ms. Marshall is free and open to the public. Learners of all ages are encouraged to attend, especially middle and high school students and their families. **Doors will open at 6:00 PM on March 12, with a special OCEARCH Science on a Sphere® program at 6:15PM. The talk will begin at 6:30 PM** at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible via the rear entrance. The Science on a Sphere® exhibit is generously provided by the UMassDartmouth. Call 508.994.5400 or visit www.oceanexplorium.org

Irish Concert F-R

Anthony Kearns, considered Ireland's Foremost Tenor, is recognized around the globe for over a decade of extraordinary collaborative work with the PBS super-group, The Irish Tenors, with whom he still tours annually. Their CDs have gone Gold, Platinum, and Double Platinum. The Irish Tenors are in the top 3 highest-grossing clients for PBS, bringing in a whopping \$10 million over the course of their lengthy collaboration.

Anthony is a classically trained tenor with the incredible ability to flawlessly sing what audiences love to hear. He is the consummate performer with universal appeal. Mr. Kearns established immediate rapport with his audiences, dazzling Viennese romance, Italian classics, and the lovely lilt of Ireland. His astonishing talent lights up a stage; he entralls crowds with the power and magnificence of his voice and his all-encompassing repertoire. Bravos ring out all evening long at Anthony Kearns' concerts and his audiences pull him back encore after encore.

Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m., St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 565 County St., New Bedford. For Tickets, call Suzanne, 508-525-0660. Cost: \$30 per ticket OR \$50 per ticket which includes Meet & Greet post-reception at the rectory.

AHA! Night

The fabric of downtown New Bedford will be woven together in a colorful tapestry on **March 13 for AHA! Night**, New Bedford's own second Thursday downtown arts and culture night.

With the theme "All Sewn Up," AHA! will celebrate the city's rich textile history, as well as our current day love affair with the textile medium. The streets and venues of downtown New Bedford will be alive from 5 to 9 pm with performances, art exhibits, lectures, and much more. Highlights include:

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.ahanebwedford.org

St. Anthony Concert

On Sunday, March 9, at 3:00 p.m.
Natsumi Malloy from Boston is the

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Middle School Play

The Ford Middle School Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Donna DeTerra and Mr. Brian Shanbrun, will be presenting its annual musical next Thursday and Friday. *Lost At Sea* tells the story of how the passengers of a cruise ship fare when they are marooned on a desert island inhabited by such diverse characters as a jazz musician, a witch doctor, a queen, and even a cannibal or two! The cast and crew are made up of over 50 students from grades five through eight. *Lost At Sea* will be presented on the FMS stage, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, March 13 & 14, at 6:30 p.m. both nights.

Attic Treasures Sale

Sponsored by the St. John Neumann Women's Guild. Sale will be held in St. John Neumann Parish Hall, located next to Cathedral Camp, Route 18, Middleboro Road, East Freetown, on Sat., 3/8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE admission. Accessible. Continental breakfast and hot lunch. Take Chace Road exit off Route 140.

M.O. L.I.F.E. Ball

On Saturday, March 22, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors) will sponsor its 18th Annual Semi-Formal Ball to be held at White's of Westport from 6 p.m. to midnight. Each year, M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond for others. This year, M.O. L.I.F.E. would like to recognize Mario Ribeiro as our *Man of the Year*; Gloria Perperas as our *Woman of the Year*; Doris and Donald LeBlanc, *Lifetime Achievement Award*; and Julia Hansen, *Katie Brienzno Personal Achievement Award*.

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Author Event

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For more information contact Tom Farland, 508-998-0250 or tfarland@acushnetfire.com

Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's March meeting will be **7:30 p.m. Wed., March 12, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting at 739 Horseneck Road, South Dartmouth**. Geoff Dennis, who has delighted audiences with his witty presentations, will speak about Piping Plovers in our area.

SNEEF Panel

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Shape into one-inch balls; roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture.

Please balls two inches apart on cookie sheet; flatten balls with bottom of glass.

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By Ilda Santos

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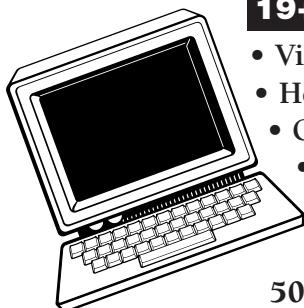
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Channel 10 to open New Bedford Bureau

City of New Bedford Press Release

WJAR/NBC 10, the top-rated television news station in Southern New England, announced on February 26 that it has contracted to lease space in downtown New Bedford where it plans to open a news bureau. NBC 10 officials will lease space on the Pleasant Street side of the former Standard-Times building, located on the corner of Union and Pleasant Street in the heart of New Bedford's downtown business district.

"NBC10 is the top-rated television news station in Southern New England and the opening of our New Bedford Bureau is an important opportunity to expand our coverage of local news in Greater New Bedford. New Bedford is an up-and-coming city and we are well-positioned to capture the most important stories affecting our viewers here,"

said Vic Vettors, President & General Manager of NBC10-WJAR.

Mayor Jon Mitchell said he was pleased with NBC10's commitment to open a New Bedford bureau. The City reached out to NBC10 about a possible New Bedford Bureau in

the summer of 2012. The City and the New Bedford Economic Development Council have since worked with NBC10 to secure a downtown location.

Mayor Mitchell said, "NBC10 News has a reputation for professional, accurate, thoughtful coverage of New Bedford news and I welcome their interest in providing viewers with more local stories."

WJAR-TV/DT is the most watched television station in the Providence-New Bedford television market and NBC 10 News is Southern New England's leading news station. WJAR was first launched as a radio station in 1922 and then became the market's first television station in 1949. WJAR-TV/DT is owned by Media General, Inc.



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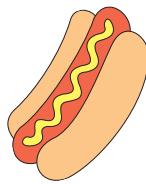
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NMI says it will pay for upweller repair

By Beth David
Editor

Officials at Northeast Maritime Institute in Fairhaven said they were dismayed at an editorial in the *Neighb News*, which, they said, included a number of inaccuracies. The upweller they are donating to the town is coming from Seth Garfield of Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms. Mr. Garfield, who teaches an Aquaculture certification course at NMI, said that NMI will fix the upweller and that the town will not have to pay for repairs.

An upweller is used to grow quahogs to a large enough size to be spread into open water where they will need only one or two years to grow to a harvestable size.

The town of Fairhaven will pay for the seed and the shellfish warden will be in charge of the upweller, utilizing students to keep it maintained.

Mr. Garfield stressed that there will be educational opportunities for students at Fairhaven High School

and New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech. He also stressed that the town will be keeping all the quahogs, which can then be harvested by permit holders.

Mr. Garfield noted that the measure was approved unanimously by the Boat Ramp/Shellfish Committee*. The upweller will be located at Hoppy's Landing and approval of the Selectboard is required.

Mr. Garfield said the upweller was worth \$1,000, but that he no longer needed it in his business.

Ted Lorentzen, the chairperson of the committee, said upweller quahogs were better than the current system, which uses quahogs transplanted from polluted waters. The cove those quahogs are planted in needs to be closed for at least a season so the bivalves can clean themselves out.

The upweller quahogs from Hoppy's Landing would be clean, said Mr. Lorentzen and if not for NMI, the upweller program would not happen.

"Unless you have private input, it's

not going to happen," he said.

He also said that Hoppy's Landing was "underutilized."

The Committee also discussed putting the upweller at Union Wharf, but the water in the river is polluted, so the quahogs would not be harvestable right away, and placing them in the coves would close the coves until the quahogs cleaned themselves out.

Both Mr. Garfield and Mr. Lorentzen stressed that the repairs to the upweller were minor and would only cost about \$150.

Mr. Garfield said he would write an op-ed explaining NMI's position, but then said that founder and president Eric Dawicki decided not to address the issue with *Neighb News* readers.

*The Boat Ramp and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee has been combined with the Shellfish Advisory Committee.

NMI applies to become college

By Beth David
Editor

The Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington Street, Fairhaven, has submitted an application to the Mass. Department of Higher Education (DHE) to become a private college. NMI held an open house on Saturday, 3/1, to give the community a chance to explore the operation. The application requires approval from the DHE and involves a 30-day public comment period.

Laura Frazier, Director of Admissions at NMI, said the Associate's Degree in Applied Nautical Science would allow graduates to get a 100-ton master and 200-ton mate captains licenses. They would be qualified to work on tugboats, be deck hands, and earn merchant mariner credentials. They could work on yachts, tall ships, and a wide variety of commercial vessels.

The program would include 90 days of seafaring during both summers of the two-year program.

Ms. Frazier said that NMI keeps class sizes small and offers a lot of one-on-one help. Their students come from a wide range of backgrounds. She said all their courses include a lot of hands-on work, which is especially good for students and adults who do

not do want a traditional, formal setting.

"It's good for kids who have a hard time in school," said Ms. Frazier, adding that the institute also builds in a lot of community service into each program.

"All students are required to do community service," she said. "We try to build the person, not just give them a career."

The key to the institute's success, she said, is that all the programs prepare students for real jobs.

"There'll be employment opportunities available," at the end of each course, she said.

The institute has signed agreements with companies and NMI will help students find work.

"This industry is so vast," she said. "There are so many different types of jobs."

NMI also values having a life-long relationship with students. Ms. Frazier said that many students will contact the institute years after finishing a course because they may want to change jobs.

And NMI will help them.

"Once you are a student of NMI, you are always a student of NMI," said Ms. Frazier.

Annette Martel and Alec Forbes

attended the open house, although they did not know about the college application. Ms. Martel had been a student of NMI and wanted to show off the Washington Street building to Mr. Forbes.

"It's fun to be in here, it's very stimulating," said Ms. Martel.

Jaimie DeSousa said the best part was the simulator and how realistic it is. He said he supported the idea of NMI becoming a college.

"Where better to be than the heart of Buzzards Bay," said Mr. DeSousa.

Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy said he also supported the idea.

"We're very lucky to have the Northeast Maritime Institute in our community," he said, adding that a college would be good for the students, future students, and would touch many lives.

"And it's right here in our lovely town," said Mr. Murphy.

The Department of Higher Education has received the application, which is still "in process" according to Rachael Neff, of the External Relations Department. She said the DHE will not comment on the application itself until the public hearing on 3/27. At that time the details of the

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School Department looking for input on next year's schedule

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven School Department is looking for input from parents and community members on the possibility of changing next year's vacation schedule. Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Thursdays, the school will be out for two consecutive weeks, leading Superintendent of Schools Robert Baldwin to think that maybe the February vacation could be eliminated.

He said that this year, the crazy weather, coupled with the usual vacation days and holidays in January and February, made for a very fractured learning environment. Eliminating the February vacation would also mean that students would start summer vacation one week earlier. The idea has been kicking around academic circles for a long time, and Dr. Baldwin said that next year might be the year it makes sense to try it because of the two-week break at Christmas.

"We're just trying to seek input to see what's the appetite for people not having two vacations," said Dr. Baldwin. "It's kind of been an issue this year because you come back in January and the first day back is a snow day. Then it's Martin Luther King Day, then a snow day, then go back to school for a week, then

vacation."

He said there is also the possibility of moving the traditional February vacation to March instead. The point is to get a larger number of consecutive days for learning.

"We're trying to build momentum in learning and then you have a snow day, holiday, vacation," he said.

He said the number of days that students are in school would not change. The number of weeks off

school department has not thought of yet.

"We're truly just trying to take the temperature of the community," about the idea, said Dr. Baldwin. "We just want good input from people."

Some districts have already started "biting into" vacation weeks, or holding classes on Saturday mornings to make up snow days, said Dr. Baldwin.

Fairhaven has had three snow days so far this winter, and there is still plenty of winter left.

Dr. Baldwin is asking that the community attend the next School Committee meeting on Wednesday, 3/12, at 6:30 in the high school library, and speak during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. The district usually makes the decision on the next year's calendar in mid-March, and Dr. Baldwin said, they cannot wait much longer than that to make a decision.

Anyone who cannot attend the meeting, can contact the superintendent's office or email committee members directly. Visit <http://www.fairhavenps.org/> school committee.cfm for the email addresses of school committee members.

"People will have ideas we never thought of," said Dr. Baldwin.

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would be the same. School would just end one week earlier in June.

"It's not to say we're going to do it," said Dr. Baldwin. "We'd just love to get people's input."

He also said that members of the community may have ideas that the

Fairhaven Dog Park Committee seeks members

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Dog Park Committee is actively seeking members. Committee Chairperson Diane Hahn told Selectboard members on Monday night that without a few more members to share in the work, the committee will not be able to finish the task of getting a dog park located in Fairhaven.

"There's a lot of interest according to my Facebook page," said Ms. Hahn, but no one has actually applied to become a member.

The committee needs to look at various town properties to see if one would be appropriate for locating a dog park.

The committee also needs to research rules and regulations of

other towns to be able to make recommendations for a Fairhaven park.

The town owns property of various sizes scattered around town, said Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch. He said several pieces had been discussed in the past as possible spots for a dog park, including property near the old dump and animal shelter, Long Road, and several properties with pump stations on them.

Ms. Hahn asked the board for direction on how to proceed. The Board of Public Works would be her first stop, they said, once the committee identifies a preferred property to the park.

"Our main message is people. If people want a dog park," she said,

they will have to put in some time to help.

New members will have to submit a letter to the Selectboard to be appointed. The board appointed Laurel "Lori" Traudt to the committee on Monday. That makes only three active members, according to Ms. Hahn.

Anyone interested in learning more may contact Ms. Hahn directly at dhahn@msn.com, or 508-993-6876.

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Acushnet firefighters earn dive rescue certification



On Sunday, February 23, 2014 members of the Acushnet Fire Department received ice water rescue training and are now certified by Dive Rescue International. LEFT: Members of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department working on the ice on Lake Street for dive rescue training on 2/23. RIGHT: Acushnet Paramedic Laurie Gonsalves is "rescued" by Firefighter Wayne Pimental on the water on Lake Street in Acushnet. Photos from the Acushnet Fire/EMS Facebook Page

Acushnet firefighters send gifts to child with cancer



Members of the Acushnet Fire & EMS Department will be sending Tyler Seddon, a young man from Rhode Island battling cancer, tee shirts, hat and other items as a gift for his seventh birthday. "Most of all, we send our thoughts and prayers to this brave little firefighter and his family," the department wrote on its Facebook page.. LEFT: The gifts and card that Acushnet Firefighters collected to send to Tyler Seddon of Rhode Island. Tyler's mother made a public plea for first responders to send Tyler birthday cards because he loves firefighters and police. The seven-year-old has leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. First responders may send Tyler a birthday card at 96 South Main St., Pascoag, R.I. 02859. His family has also set up a fund-raising page at <http://www.gofundme.com/TylersTroops>. Photo from the Acushnet Fire/EMS Facebook Page

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Frontera Grill hoping to open in April

Press Release

Preparations are in high gear for a new Mexican restaurant at 214 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven.

The Frontera Grill Fairhaven is transforming a former pizzeria on Route 6 into a Mexican cantina as the restaurant prepares to fill the area's void in South-of-the-Border cuisine.

Owner Edgar Brambila says the work is proceeding at a fast pace and he is looking at an early- to mid-April opening.

This will be the second Frontera Grill in Massachusetts for Mr. Brambila. His Chicopee location has built a strong reputation for serving authentic Mexican cuisine at reasonable prices in a family friendly atmosphere.

Mr. Brambila promises the same exceptional dining experience at the

Fairhaven site, saying, "Fairhaven is the perfect location for us. We love the small-town feeling and the sense of community here."

He said that Frontera intends to participate fully in the life of the community and be an asset to the Southeastern Massachusetts region.

Frontera will serve lunch and dinner 7 days a week with an average entrée price of \$11-12 and a special children's menu. The selections feature classic Mexican dishes including burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas prepared with the freshest ingredients and served in abundant portions, and delicious signature dishes. The restaurant will be fully licensed, offering a choice of beers, wine and margarita-style mixed drinks.

Last call for free political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 7 election.

Please contact the *Neighb News* as soon as possible so we can plan for space allocation in the issues leading up to the election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 3/7.

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From our readers

Time to think about pay-per-throw

It's time for the Town of Fairhaven to think about Pay Per Throw (PPT) trash collection.

PPT could save the town about \$500,000 *annually*, and at the same time we could increase our recycling rate by about 44%. Both of these figures are very significant and combined, they are a "win-win."

We consider ourselves a green community, of sorts, with Solar, Wind, Digester projects, LED street lights, etc., but our track record in recycling is very poor, we recycle at only 14%, which is among the lowest in the state. There is obviously room for improvement.

The good news is, we can do something about that and soon.

The Board of Public Works and Board of Health are holding joint meetings to discuss trash collection. Last Monday they heard a presentation from ABC and they plan to hear from a PPT vendor next, and so will the Board of Selectmen.

Currently, trash collection is not "Free" as some would have you believe. The Town actually does pay a trash hauler and, even if we do not see an individual bill, we all pay a share of that cost.

Times have changed since PPT was first established and now companies have found ways to integrate this type of program into Cities and

Towns *without* it being a hardship to the average resident.

One option proposed, for example, involves using proceeds from the program to issue a debit style card to each household, pre-loaded with a positive balance to cover one full year's worth of the specially marked trash bags the program requires and then to send a new card out annually. The bags would be sold at the same local retailers where you purchase your trash bags today. Under this scenario, those who recycle would feel no financial impact at all and those who are exceptional recyclers could even save money over the course of a typical year.

Yes, those who are wasteful and do not recycle would see a small increase in their costs for trash removal as they would likely have to purchase additional bags. All that would be required for them to feel no financial impact, however, is to take up recycling. It really is not that hard to do and we owe it to future generations.

Fairhaven does not need to blaze the trail on this one — others took care of that long ago

PPT Programs have come a long way in recent years. They work, and that is the reason about 170 cities and towns across the state of Massachusetts (nearly 50%) now have PPT programs.

Stay tuned to learn more about

how the town can save some green, and truly become green at the same time. Start thinking "Pay Per Throw."

Then again, maybe we should start calling it "save per throw" because that is more accurate. And, by the way, the \$500,000 the Town stands to save annually could actually eclipse the savings of all of our other renewable or alternative energy projects combined. Now that is something to think about!

*Bob Espindola, Fairhaven
Editor's Note: Mr. Espindola is a Fairhaven Selectboard member.*

Town should not support Medical Marijuana

I wonder how many of the town meeting members here buy into the pretext that these so-called marijuana compassion centers are truly what these promoters would have you believe. The name is just a pretext to enable them to grow, distribute and sell for their own profit and greed.

Why don't they go into our cities and towns and mentor and try to help the children of parents who have either been shot or imprisoned by the ravages of drugs? For many of them marijuana was a gateway drug.

I have personal experience with marijuana. My wife nearly lost her granddaughter because of marijuana and alcohol abuse. My stepdaughter nearly lost her life because of drug abuse. It started out with marijuana.

John Pond, Fairhaven

Tourism to Whaling Park creates \$13+ million in region Report shows visitor spending supports 193 jobs in local economy

Press Release

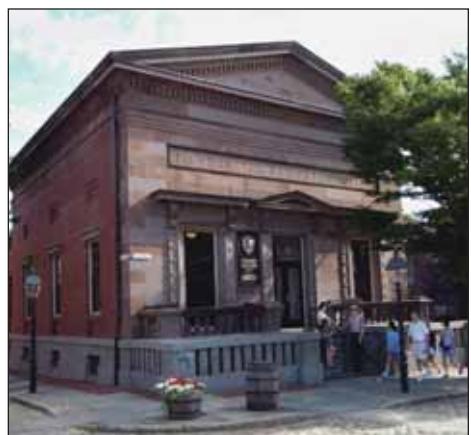
A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 269,885 visitors to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in 2012 spent \$13.3 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 193 jobs in the local area.

"New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is proud to welcome visitors from across the country and around the world," said acting superintendent Laurel Racine. "We are delighted to share the story of this City as a compelling destination that preserves and interprets the American whaling industry and its global influence through partnership and community collaboration. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy —

returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service — and it's a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz for the National Park Service. The report shows \$14.7 billion of direct spending by 283 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 243,000 jobs nationally, with 201,000 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a

NBWNH: cont'd next page



The visitor's center of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is at 33 William Street, and it's the place to start if you want to explore what the park has to offer. Photo from the National Park Service website.

Mass. Cultural Council. Art on Center is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

Chowdah!

The Fairhaven Varsity Club will hold its annual Chowder & Clamcake dinner on **Fri., March 21, from 4:30-8 p.m. at the club, 9 Adams Street, Fairhaven. Partially accessible.**

Tickets: \$8 donation (free refills on chowder), available at the door or from any club member. For information, 508-992-1766.

Proceeds benefit the programs of the club. The Fairhaven Varsity Club, established in 1934, promotes and encourages athletic sports, provides a loyal alumni influence towards the activities of Fairhaven High School.

United Way Orient.

Grassroots groups with budgets of \$25,000 or less are invited to apply for a mini-grant up to \$2,500 to improve, strengthen and build local community. Applicants are required to attend a two hour orientation session:

- **Thurs., 3/13 at 6 p.m., Fairhaven Council on Aging, 226 Huttleston Ave. (Rte. 6, near Stop & Shop)**
- Thursday, March 20th at 6 PM at the Wareham Free Public Library located at 59 Marion Road (Rte. 6)

To register please call Claudia Kirk, Program Director, at 508-994-9625 ext. 13 or ckirk@unitedwayofgnb.org.

Tour Guides Needed

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is seeking volunteer tour guides for the museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. The museum

celebrates the relationship between Capt. William Whitfield and Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in the USA.

As we struggle through the cold of winter we look ahead to the spring and summer when we will be welcoming hundreds of eager visitors to the Friendship House Museum and the Manjiro Trail. To date we have hosted over 3,000 visitors from all over the world. In order to accommodate them we will need to add to our veteran group of tour guides. We will be training new guides during the spring so that we will be ready for the heavy summer traffic. We use a tour script and "happi-coat" uniform especially designed for us. Guides of all ages are welcome.

This is a great way to learn a part of our fascinating local history.

Trainings can be done in the evening as well as during the day. Those who are interested, or know someone who is, can e-mail Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org or call Gerry at 508-995-1219.

Homecoming Fair Applications

Applications for the 2014 Fairhaven Homecoming Fair which will be held on Saturday, June 28, are now available. Applications are available on our website: www.fairhavenhomecoming.org or copies may be picked up at the Millicent Library, Fairhaven Town Hall (Selectmen's Office) and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

Questions may be sent to: fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com

proposal will be revealed and a 30-day public comment period will begin. At the end of the 30 days, the DHE will decide on the application. The time and place of the public hearing were not available by press time, but NMI is required to advertise it for three consecutive weeks prior to the 27th.

Currently, NMI owns three buildings in the center of town: the main building on Washington Street, Lemley Hall at 56 Main Street, and Integrity Hall at 29-31 Center Street. Courses are held at all three locations.

cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.75 billion.

According to the report most visitor spending supports jobs in restaurants, grocery and convenience stores (39 percent), hotels, motels and B&Bs (27 percent), and other amusement and recreation (20 percent).

To download the report visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm>. The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

To learn more about national parks in Massachusetts and how the National Park Service works with Massachusetts communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/massachusetts. Also, please visit the following link for b-roll prepared by the National Park Service: http://www.nps.gov/news/econ_b-roll.htm.

The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM. The visitor center is accessible to all. Admission is free. For additional information and schedules, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe, call 508-996-4095, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.

guest organist in the Music at St. Anthony's concert series. Ms. Malloy's program is planned to highlight the extraordinary sound of the church's Historic 1912 Casavant Frères pipe organ. Music from Couperin, Messiaen, and Liszt, with a Widor Toccata finale promises to be an exceptional afternoon event. Freewill donations will be accepted to support the organ fund, and a complimentary tea will be offered after the event in the church hall.

"Music at St. Anthony's" is a series of organ recitals, and two choir and organ concert , one at Christmas and

the other in May. They take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Although the organ is in complete working order, the music series was formed to raise money to repair 100 year old parts in an effort to restore this magnificent instrument is restored in time for its centennial in 2012. Although that goal was only met half way, the series continues its worthy efforts. The estimate for restoration work is \$300,000. For more information, please call the rector at 508-993-1691.

Information about the Church is posted on the Internet at www.saintanthonynewbedford.com.

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It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold:
when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.
Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2014

FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2014-2015 Academic Year

Children who are expected to enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the Fairhaven Public Schools next September must be registered at their neighborhood school during the week of **March 10th-14th, 2014**. Prospective students do not need to be present. Registration will be from **9:00-3:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at each of the schools or on the district website.

Monday, March 10, 2014Last Name: A-F
Tuesday, March 11, 2014Last Name: G-L
Wednesday, March 12, 2014Last Name: M-R
Thursday, March 13, 2014Last Name: S-Z
Friday, March 14, 2014Make Up

Entrance age Kindergarten: Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who turns age five (5) on or before **August 31, 2014 is eligible to register for Kindergarten.**

Entrance age First Grade: Any child, resident of Fairhaven, who is six (6) years of age on or before **August 31, 2014 is eligible for first grade.**

Children already attending Kindergarten in the Fairhaven Public Schools need not register for first grade.

Items that must be provided at the time of registration are:

Birth Certificate
Immunization records
Residency Statement
Proof of Residency
Registration Form

Certified copy of probate court order or judgment relative to the custody of the child. In the event of a restraining order or other legal decree, please ensure that up-to-date information is on file in the school office.

For additional information please visit www.fairhavenps.org

The Fairhaven Public Schools offers all programs, activities and employment opportunities without regard to gender, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, disability, religion, homelessness, or national origin.

Questions can be answered by contacting your neighborhood school.

East Fairhaven School 508-979-4058
LeRoy Wood School 508-979-4073

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 3/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/10, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 3/11, Senior Ctr., 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/6, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs., 3/13, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Gov't Access Cand. night

Wed., 3/12, Senior Ctr., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 3/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Thurs., 3/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 3/11, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 2/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers/Oxford Study Com

Thurs., 3/6, Town Hall, 6:3 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 3/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 3/5, Town hall, 5:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Shellfish/Boat Ramp/Water

Wed., 3/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectboard

Mon., 3/10, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

Mar. 2014	HIGH a.m.	LLOW p.m.	HIGH a.m.	LLOW p.m.
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Sunday	9	0158	1525	1052 2300
Monday	10	0354	1626	1153 ----
Tuesday	11	0457	1729	0003 1240
Wednesday	12	0554	1819	0048 1319
Thursday	13	0639	1900	0123 1351
Friday	14	0718	1937	----
Saturday	15	0755	2014	0107 1322
Sunday	16	0832	2052	0139 1353
Monday	17	0912	2132	0218* 1431*
Tuesday	18	0953	2214	0300* 1512*
Wednesday	19	1035	2257	0342* 1553*

* = 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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The board questioned him on how to verify that measure, and the various options for his fee.

The board has interviewed one other auctioneer and may interview another before making a decision.

In a related matter, the board added 19 Monondach Street and 14 Grandview Ave., to the list of properties to be auctioned off. The board decided not auction off 87 Main Street, as it might be better to keep it for additional parking near Cushman Park.

The board also gave an update to neighbors about the situation with Susan Staffon's dogs.

According to the Animal Control Officer, the board said, the dogs are in a municipality in Florida and the Fairhaven ACO received a confirmation from the ACO of the undisclosed town that two Chocolate Labs were, indeed, now residing at the address in question.

However, Ms. Staffon retained an attorney who notified the town that Ms. Staffon would be fighting the removal of the dogs from her possession. According to Mr. Osuch, the law changed in 2012, making it more difficult for towns to ban dogs.

Chapter 140, section 157 of Mass. General Laws prohibits cities and towns from banning dogs, and lays out specific reasons why a dog may be deemed a "nuisance" or deemed "dangerous."

The law allows for a judge to have the dogs removed or euthanized. (See the law at <https://malegislation.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXX/Chapter140/Section157>.) Because it is now a legal matter, officials would not comment any further.

The board also discussed a request from the Conservation Commission regarding a 1% raise for conservation agent Wayne Fostin. Mr. Haworth, who has been serving on the ConCom, said that the money was voted to the agent last fiscal year, but a bookkeeping error meant he had not actually received the money. He said the money was in the account.

A bit of back-and-forth between Mr. Osuch and Mr. Haworth made it clear that the matter was not so simple.

"Someone just woke up?" asked Mr. Osuch.

"It's in the budget," said Mr. Haworth. "The money's there."

Mr. Osuch said he was not so sure.

The board decided to continue the matter until the 3/5 meeting.

The board also held off on sending a letter of support for the Northeast Maritime Institute's bid to become a college.

Mr. Haworth said that some concerns about how it might affect the public school system had come to his attention and he wanted to check them out before lending his support of the idea.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Espindola, however, had only praise for the plan.

"It's a great thought to have a college in the town of Fairhaven," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Espindola said he went to NMI's open house on Saturday and was impressed, especially with the simulator.

basement and some equipment, including two computers, were ruined. The estimated cleanup is \$7,000 or more. With a \$10,000 insurance deductible, the department will have to ask for money from either the Finance Committee or at the special town meeting in May. The office personnel are now using the community room, making it no longer accessible to the public. The chief was not sure when the basement office would be available again.

In other business the board:

- Changed the position of secretary to both the fire and police departments to Level 12, Step 3. Officials said the work of the secretaries has changed over the years and the change reflects that. Mr. Osuch warned that there would be "repercussions down the road,"
- Chose the cover for the annual town report, deciding to go with photos submitted by Fairhaven High School students.
- Decided not to hold a business meeting on election night, but to have Mr. Espindola and Mr. Haworth moderate the announcement of election results for cablecasting on government access Channel 18.
- Approved the use of Town Counsel for the Conservation Commission, the Building Department and the Oxford/Rogers School Committee. Mr. Osuch warned the board that the legal budget would likely be significantly overspent by June 30.
- Set, at Mr. Espindola's request, the deadline for articles for the special town meeting that will be held within the annual town meeting on May 3. Mr. Osuch reminded the board that the STM within the TM is not supposed to be a replacement for anyone who forgot or was late getting an article into the annual. It is supposed to be for items that by their nature could not be handled in the annual, however, the board cannot refuse to place on the warrant legitimate articles that are properly submitted.
- The board also announced that the government access channel will hold a candidates night on Wednesday, 3/12, that will run on government access Channel 18 and be available on the town's website for on-demand viewing.

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He also mentioned that NMI had approached the Millicent Library earlier in the process about using the public library system as the library for the new college, but the idea was no longer being considered.

In a followup conversation with Carolyn Longworth, director of the Millicent, she said that the arrangement would not be fair to others in the network. The Millicent pays \$18,000 per year to be part of the network. The network agreed that any new college should be required to pay to join, the same as Mass. Maritime Institute, UMassDartmouth, and the many high school libraries that are part of it.

The board will vote on the letter at their March 17 meeting.

The board also heard from Fire Chief Timothy Francis, who updated the board on a sewer backup at the station last week. Chief Francis said the backup was in the offices in the

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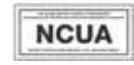
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