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Olympian medalist inspires at EFS



US Olympian Michelle Picard show received gifts from Matt Leboeof and Max Lague posing along with PhysEd teacher Cathy Silva at East Fairhaven School on March 13. Ms. Picard won a silver medal in Sochi this February as part of the US Women's Hockey Team. See page 17 for story. *Photo by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Hey, the bridge really is closing...honest, no mistake. I must have ESP. How's that for weird. Yikes!!! See page 7 for that.

We have lots of good politics this week. Not only did we have another candidates night (see page 16), but we have candidate statements (see page 16) and candidate ads...all over the place.

We also have lots of meeting coverage this week: see page 4 for Selectboard, page 24 for BPW and page 12 for Acushnet Selectboard; lots of letters to the editor (and more for next week already "in the can") on pages 19 & 20.

There's also fun stuff in here. Mrs. Martin turned 90 on St. Patrick's Day. How cool is that? She was the secretary to the principal at Fairhaven High School for 47 years (I think). Back then the principal's secretary was the only secretary in the school. She remembers practically every student who went through back then and they remember her. We've written about Mrs. Martin a time or two over the years and it was always a delightful experience. She's moved out of Fairhaven to be closer to her daughter, but she's always up for letters and calls, so be sure to contact her if you want. Contact the paper and we'll get you in touch.

We have other fun stuff in here, too. Our cover story is about an honest-to-goodness Olympian. Michelle Picard came to our little burg to inspire the kids at East Fairhaven School, and we're happy to bring that to you on page 17.

Also on page 17, the EFS reports on a program with the Mount Washington Observatory that sound like lots of fun, too.

In the oh-say-it-ain't-so category, the West Island Improvement Association cancelled its candidates night because of this crazy storm we got this week, but then they re-scheduled it for 4/2. See page 6 for details. Unfortunately, that means we won't be able to report on that for you, because the next issue after the event will be our election issue. That's right, the first Monday in April is coming up fast. The Wednesday night event will be past our deadline.

Acushnet also cancelled its candidates night on 3/26, but there's no word yet on if it will be rescheduled. You'll have to contact the senior center to check on that because our next issue will be after that one, too.

Well, looks like that's all I have time for. Please visit my Amazon.com and Nook pages to buy my latest short story. It's a shameless self-promotion in this space, yes it is, but, hey, if I don't do it, who will?

Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya...



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Uh oh....any mistakes last week?
Did I miss one (or two or three)?

Evelyn Martin turns 90



Happy birthday to Evelyn Martin, the long time secretary at Fairhaven High School, who turned 90 on St. Patrick's Day. Mrs. Martin, who moved to the Cape a couple of years ago to be closer to her daughter, was the secretary to the principal at Fairhaven High School for about 47 years. *Photo courtesy of Janet Martin Collette. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

St. Patrick's Day at Social Day



St. Patty's Day Fun: The children from the Mom's Group of Fairhaven and the clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day met to make St. Patrick's Day Wreaths. The wreaths were made from four leaf clovers which the children and clients cut out, colored and glued together to make a wreath. It was a fun project for both groups. This inter-generational program is made possible by a United Way of New Bedford Mini-Grant awarded to the Mom's Group. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*

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Selectboard still crunching numbers

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard continued crunching numbers at a budget meeting on Tuesday 3/25.

Bandyng about figures from the hundreds to the millions, the board was trying to close an estimated shortfall of \$130,000 to \$140,000. With some contracts not finalized and some receipts still in question, the number is just an estimate.

The board discussed various ways to close the gap.

"Your effort should be to reduce the budget, not take more from local receipts," said the board's executive secretary Jeffrey Osuch.

Most departments submitted budgets with 0, 1 and 2 percent cuts.

Also at issue is a discrepancy in the school department's budget. According to Mr. Osuch, the department is asking for a big jump in salaries this year.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth said that the explanation he got was that there were a lot of people on maternity leave last year. He said that the substitute teachers cost less.

"If you buy that one," countered Mr. Osuch, then paused, "I won't say it because the press is here."

He explained that having a lot of people on maternity leave should cost more not less, because those people would be getting paid for at least part of the leave, plus the department would have to pay the substitutes.

He said the numbers simply do not add up, and "I'm taking their own numbers."

Mr. Osuch also pointed out that the school department has more than \$250,000 in the circuit breaker account.

The board decided not to vote on that item for the annual town meeting.

The board also questioned why the building department needed to use the part time inspector so often.

"There's not much going on in town to justify it," said Mr. Osuch.

The board looked at office expenses, including office equipment as an area that might be cut, but it just was not enough.

"We can nickel and dime the small departments," said Mr. Osuch, "but

when we get to the big departments, we always seem to have a problem."

"Anyone in any department can say 'I can't function,'" said Mr. Osuch. "I can't. I can't. I can't."

The board also discussed an article that would use Community Preservation Act funds to take out and then replace all the brick sidewalks around the town hall, the library and the Unitarian Church. In order to keep the historical nature of the sidewalks, the same bricks would be re-used, however due to the inevitable amount of breaking, there would not be as many and the sidewalks would be narrower. Trees will proably be planted. The estimate for all three blocks is about \$800,000, but the project would be done in phases.

All three members agreed it needed to be done, but want to make sure the "character" of the center is not compromised by the project.

All town meeting articles need to be voted on soon because the book needs to go to print. The board scheduled another meeting for April 1 to continue budget discussions.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

WIIA Cand. Night NEW DATE

The West Island Improvement Association will hold its annual Candidates Night on **Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Community House, 41 Causeway Road** (Top o' the Hill), West Island, Fairhaven.

The event has been rescheduled from 3/26 due to the snowstorm.

Candidates have been invited to participate and share their views regarding the upcoming town election to be held on April 7. All are welcome to come and meet the candidate and get their questions answered.

Refreshments will be provided.

Masonry Revealed

For the historical view of Fairhaven Masonry a lecture will be held **on Fri., 3/28, at The Fairhaven Council, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop) on Aging at 7:00 p.m. Accessible.**

The program, sponsored by The Fairhaven Historical Society, is presented by Eric M. Berg, past master of Fairhaven's George H. Taber Lodge. The Lodge, located on the corner of Center and Main Street, continues the historic rituals of Freemasonry.

The earliest known ritual is placed at the first masonic lodge in the porch way of King Solomon's Temple. It is possible to trace Freemasonry from Euclid, Moses and the Essenes to the present with rituals perfected in England. Many United States presidents beginning with George Washington, have been members of Freemasonry. Henry Huttleston Rogers was a member of George H. Taber lodge, and contributed funds to construct the present building. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and donations are accepted.

Music Educator Nom

Applications for the second annual Music Educator Award™ are currently online; to nominate a teacher, visit GRAMMYMusicTeacher.com. **The deadline to nominate is March 31, 2014.** The award is open to current U.S. music teachers, and anyone can nominate a teacher — students, parents, friends, colleagues, community members, school deans, and administrators. Teachers are also

able to nominate themselves. Nominated teachers will be notified and invited to fill out an application.

Benefit for Jacy

Spaghetti Dinner for Jacy, a young fighter against Leukemia. Please join us on **April 5th from 4-7 pm, at the Nemasket Group Building, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven.**

Enjoy Salad, Spaghetti, Desserts and a Raffle! Raffle drawing at 6:30 pm. Call 508-997-8740 to reserve your tickets or just drop in that night. Tickets are \$10.00. Children under 5 yrs old eat Free!

Jessica Faltus F-R

Friends and family have organized a fund-raiser for Jessica Faltus Perkins. Jessie is an amazing 27-year-old-mom of three still in treatment at Dana Farber for advanced cancer.

"HOPE" Dance will be held on **April 25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Fairhaven VFW on Middle Street.** 7-9 is TARAoke. 9-1 is Brett Monterio DJ-Old School. Cash Bar. Tickets are \$10 and available at Dorothy Cox's Chocolates on Alden Road. (now across from Jakes Diner) or by calling (508) 717-7041

FYFA Registration

Fairhaven Blue Devils Football and Cheer Registration: **Fri., 3/28, from 6-8 p.m.; and Sat., 3/29, from 11-1 p.m.** at the North Fairhaven Improvement Center (Next Door To Oxford School), Main Street, Fairhaven

Fees: Tiny Mites, \$100.00; Mighty Mite-Unlimited, \$125.00

New Players: Please bring raised seal birth certificate and Physical Form. Returning Players-Please bring Physical Form

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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. 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.

Gov't Forums

The Fairhaven Town Government Study Committee invites you to join us at either or both of our upcoming public hearings. These hearings are important opportunities for everyone to understand the recommendations we have planned for the upcoming Town Meeting in May. The committee will share what we have accomplished to date, the reasoning behind our recommendations, the impact they can have on you and your community, and the ongoing work we have left on our plate.

To accommodate everyone's busy schedules, we have two hearings planned: **Thursday April 3 at the West Island Improvement Association building and Thursday April 17 at the Town Hall Banquet Room.** Both hearings will begin at 7pm and refreshments will be available.

Chowder & Quahog

At Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven, 508-999-4561. **March 28th, from 12-1:30 p.m. TAKE-OUT ONLY. \$5.00.**

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven.

Walk with a Doc

The March edition of Southcoast® Health System's "Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" will take place on **Sat., 3/29, at 10 a.m., at the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care in Fairhaven located at 206 Mill Road.**

The community is invited to join medical oncologist, Susan J. Kim, MD, for a half hour walk which will explore the trails and gardens surrounding the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care in Fairhaven. All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome.

Participants of the walk will receive a free pedometer and "Better Health Kits" that include information on nutrition and exercise. Registration is encouraged. To register please call the Southcoast Wellness Line at 800-497-1727. Visit www.southcoast.org/walkwithadoc/ for more information about where Southcoast physicians will be walking next.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Bridge Closing

MassDOT has announced plans to close the Route 6, New Bedford-Fairhaven swing bridge to vehicles for a two-week period beginning at the end of March in order to perform necessary structural steel repairs to the bridge's floor beams. Structural steel repairs will occur 24/7 and restrict motor vehicle access for two weeks **from Sunday, March 30 at 6 a.m. to Saturday, April 12 at 6 p.m.**

The swing bridge will be set in the open position to allow marine vessels to transit the area in accordance with Federal Law and US Coast Guard requirements.

Weather conditions may impact the planned two-week closure.

Meet the Candidate

Join Gubernatorial candidate Martha Coakley in New Bedford, a stop on her listening tour: Saturday, March 29th at 1:30 pm, Café Arpeggio, 800 Purchase St., New Bedford

Please RSVP at <http://marthacoakley.ngpvanhost.com/ngpvan/forms/11101>

This is your opportunity to share your story with the next Governor of Massachusetts. Come by and make sure your voice is heard.

Meat Pie Supper

Pilgrim Women's Club of Pilgrim United Church of Christ is sponsoring a Meat Pie Supper with raffle: mashed potato, vegetable, gravy, breads, dessert table, beverages. **On Sat., 4/5, 6:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets, downtown, New Bedford. Donation: Adults \$10; children under 12 \$5.00**

To benefit the Club's Book Scholarship Fund and other charitable giving For reservations call 508-996-1498 or 508-993-3407

"12 Angry Men"

Your Theatre, Inc. presents the classic *Twelve Angry Men*, by Reginald Rose and Sherman L. Sergel. With a cast of 13 South Coast actors, the play is directed by Robert Gillet of Fall River.

A gripping and provocative drama, the play, set in the late 1950's, follows twelve men who retire to a jury room to consider the fate of a teenage boy accused of murdering his father. If found guilty, the boy will receive a mandatory death sentence. The

jurors are told they must come up with a unanimous verdict and eleven of the jurors vote guilty on the first ballot. Together, they bitterly struggle with each other and become twelve angry men, arguing for hours about: the murder weapon, the angle of the stab wound, the testimony of the eye witnesses, and the emotions and prejudices of the jurors, until they all can reach a unanimous verdict. What is reasonable doubt? Don't miss this theatre-in-the-round production and decide how you would vote.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 67th season sponsor, BankFive, and to Hawthorn Medical for production sponsorship of this show.

The remaining performance dates are March 27, 28, 29 at 8:00 p.m. and March 23, 30 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and military personnel \$13.

Performances are held at Your Theatre, Inc. located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the auditorium of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

For tickets and further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Bikeway Summit

On **Thursday March 27, the South Coast Bike Way Alliance (SCBA)** will be holding its annual SCBA Summit at the Fort Taber Community Center. The reception is from 5:00-6:00 PM followed by guest speakers. The keynote speaker is internationally known cyclist Willy Wier. All are welcome You can register by going to www.southcoastbikeway.com

Poetry Group Party

BARTLEBY SCRIVENER POETRY GROUP is hosting a birthday party and poetry reading to celebrate its 20th anniversary. The event is being held on **Thurs., 4/3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Wamsutta Club, 427 County St, New Bedford.** The festivities will include poetry read by Bartleby Poets, as well as an open mike. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about BARTLEBY SCRIVENER POETRY GROUP and the 20th Anniversary Celebration contact: Susan Grace at

(508)993-1999. sgrace@encorent.com or find Bartleby Scrivener Poetry Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bartlebypoetry

Clean Water Workshop

As the real estate market begins to strengthen again, communities in southeastern Mass. are looking for ways to protect clean water resources — drinking water, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters — while supporting responsible development.

Whether restoring clean water in urban neighborhoods or planning for sustainable development in suburban and rural communities, good planning strategies are an essential tool. To help decision makers in government and business plan for clean water in real estate development, the Buzzards Bay Coalition is hosting a workshop on **Wed., 4/2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Buzzards Bay Center (114 Front Street) in New Bedford.**

The workshop will look at case studies for protecting clean water and supporting development from across the Commonwealth. Decision Makers Workshops are appropriate for anybody looking for solutions to protecting clean water when developing. They are particularly useful for town officials and staff, developers, builders and real estate agents.

To register, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/decisionmakers or contact Rob Hancock at hancock@savebuzzardsbay.org or 508-999-6363 ext. 222.

Cabaret

The Laurel Tree Players present A Sherlock Holmes Comedy Thriller "Spoof" *The 39 Steps*.

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 50 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of only five!), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance!

Presented on Fri. & Sat., 3/28 & 29, at 8 p.m.; and on Sun., 3/30 at 2 p.m. \$15 Adults; \$12 Children/Seniors. For tickets call 508-993-3547, Holy Family Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford, MA,

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Art Class

Inspirational Art for Everyone. The Acushnet Council on Aging and Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, will offer a new art class, beginning in mid-April, on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This oil painting workshop will be lead by artist Cindy Ricard of New Bedford. \$10/class, supplies are included. This program is open to the community, there are no residency requirements. For more information or to register please call Cindy Ricard at 508-998-5355 or 508-991-6168.

Bird Club Meeting

Ellen Jedrey, Assistant Director of MassAudubon's Coastal Waterbird Program, will be speaking on the Roseate Tern. MassAudubon states that 90% of the Northeastern population of Roseate Terns are limited to three islands. Two of the three nest areas are in our own back yard: Bird Island and Ram Island. Learn about this rare, graceful little bird.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Mattapoissett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Accessible. Free and open to the public. For more information contact Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net.

Magician/Hypnotist

The Women's Auxiliary of the Freetown VFW 6643, presents Steve Wronker's Funny Business on May 3, at the VFW, 89 Middleborough Road, E. Freetown. Accessible. Tickets are \$15 pp. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show stars at 7:30. Free light snacks, cash bar. Proceeds will benefit all veterans' programs and the scholarship program.

A family friendly event with magic, comedy and hypnotism, from renowned performer Steve Wronker

Call Marcia at 774-328-6936, or Susan at 508-763-9245 for tickets.

For more information about Steve Wronker's Funny Business, visit www.Stevenwronker.com

Free Fitness for Srs

Total Fitness Clubs (TFC) will be offering free senior fitness classes at their Dartmouth, MA location Dartmouth Total Fitness. These

classes are free and open to the public. Seniors (ages 55+) who wish to participate will need to bring a form of ID card and for those who are part of the Healthways SilverSneakers® program will be asked to show their Healthways Membership Card.

These moderate 45-minute exercise classes are intended for seniors who want to remain active and will be taught by senior certified instructors.

Class Schedule & Location: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:00 a.m – Noon, Dartmouth Total Fitness (located across from Vanity Fair Outlet), 360 Faunce Corner Rd., N. Dartmouth, 508-995-5600

Antiques Appraisal

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library is hosting its own version of "Antiques Roadshow" on **March 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the meeting room at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St.**

The cost is five dollars per item to be appraised, with a three-item limit. If an item is too large you can bring in a photograph. If the piece is a bit obscure or needs preliminary research, send an e-mail prior to the event to Frank at Frank@MarionAntiques.com with "Mattapoissett Fundraiser" as the subject line. Frank and Paula don't appraise stamps or coins, and diamonds aren't graded as a gemologist would do.

Basketball Tourney

The Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Committee is hosting a Basketball Tournament and Scholarship Fundraising Day at Ford Middle School in **Acushnet on Saturday, March 29 at Ford Middle School**, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet; park in rear lot for gym door entrance. For more information including registration forms and Basketball Tournament Rules, visit www.acushnetteachers.com and click on "Events." All proceeds from this event will benefit the A.T.A. Scholarship Fund and will help make the dream of college a reality for students of Acushnet.

Rabies Clinic

The Town of Westport is holding a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 10:00 – Noon at the

Hixbridge Fire Station, 54 Hixbridge Road, Westport. The fee is \$12.00 and cash only accepted.

All pets must be in carriers or on leashes. Certificate of last rabies vaccination must be presented for a 3 year vaccine.

For more information call Animal Control Officer, Donna Lambert at 508-636-1122. Dr. Kim Kleinfeld will be the attending veterinarian.

ABWA Mtg

Representatives from the SE Mass. Time Exchange will be giving a presentation at the American Business Women's Association SouthCoast Chapter meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the Country Club of New Bedford, 585 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth, MA.

The April meeting is open to both ABWA members and non-members. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with networking, followed by a ABWA business meeting and buffet dinner. The cost for the evening will be \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members.

Attendees are requested to pre-register online at <http://www.abwasouthcoast.org/meetings/>. For more information on the ABWA, or to pay for registration by check, please contact Chapter President Mali Lim at 508-863-1831.

Morgan Talk

This summer the historic whaleship the Charles W. Morgan will embark on its 38th voyage and will visit several northeastern ports, including New Bedford.

To learn more about the last surviving wooden whaling vessel, join members and friends of the Southeastern Council for the Social Studies for the illustrated program: *And She Alone Remains: The Past, Present, and Future of the Charles W. Morgan*, presented by Matthew Stackpole from Mystic Seaport.

The event will take place on **Thursday, April 3, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Century House in Acushnet. Buffet dinner. The all-inclusive cost is \$29.00 per person.**

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Fruit & Nut Squares

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- 1 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Line an 8x8-inch pan with parchment paper. Place dates, cashews, water and vanilla in a food processor and process until thick sticky ball is formed. Add more water if needed.

Put the ball into a mixing bowl and mix in chocolate chips.

Spread dough evenly in a single layer on the bottom of pan. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for on hour.

Transfer dough onto cutting board and cut into squares.

Wrap individually with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve.

By Ilda Santos

Bethel & Mariners to be restored

Press Release

A collaborative project to restore two of New Bedford's most iconic buildings, the Seamen's Bethel and the adjacent Mariners' Home on Johnny Cake Hill, is gathering momentum, organizers say.

Grant applications for the proposed "Port Society Complex" have been submitted and a gala fundraiser is scheduled for March 29 at the Whaling Museum with retired Congressman Barney Frank as keynote speaker.

WHALE, New Bedford Port Society, and Working Waterfront Festival have joined forces to preserve these historic structures. Plans include making both buildings fully handicap accessible and repurposing the Mariners' Home to showcase the history and culture of the fishing industry.

Teri Bernert, Executive Director of WHALE, said that funding for the \$2.3 million project is expected to derive from several sources such as state and federal historic tax credits, the Mass. Cultural Council and a Community Development Block Grant.

"These historic treasures provide an anchor for the Whaling Historical Park. We need to make them fully accessible. And creating an educational venue will honor New Bedford's fishing legacy," Bernert said.

Historically, the Mariners' Home provided lodging to seafarers between voyages but it has been vacant for the past several years except for Port Society office space on the ground floor.

Paul Stubbs, Port Society treasurer and chairman of the project's development committee, said he is excited

by the possibilities the project raises for his organization and the City of New Bedford.

"If we want to promote the city, we need to show what we do here," he said. "This great project will help us attract visitors and raise the visibility of our fishing community."

When complete, the planned fishing exhibits will offer visitors a look inside an industry that has made New Bedford the number one fishing port in the United States.

JMBA Plus Architects of New Bedford drew up plans for the project. A glass-fronted connector will link the two buildings. Installing an elevator within this space will permit people with disabilities to freely enter the Bethel and the upper floors of the Mariners' Home for the first time. Structural alterations to the historic structures will be minimal, according to architect Joe Booth.

The Port Society, WHALE, and the Working Waterfront Festival are working together to raise funds for the proposed complex, scheduled for completion in 2015.

"We look at this as another way to enhance the cultural life of the city," said Fred Toomey, president of the Port Society. In support of the project, the New Bedford Whaling Museum has opened its Jacobs Gallery as a major sponsor for the group's inaugural fundraiser.

For details on "Taste of the Port," see listing on page 7.

We'd all like to vote for the best man, but he's never a candidate.

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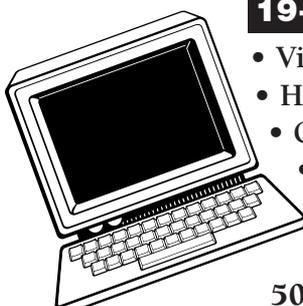
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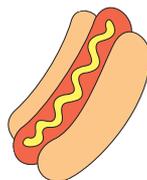
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River dredging to start; Acushnet revives housing committee

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

In a busy Monday night for the Acushnet Selectboard on 3/24, the Environmental Protection Agency appeared to discuss next month's New Bedford Harbor cleanup.

Jenny Lombardo, the EPA team leader of the New Bedford Harbor site, appeared before the Selectboard to touch base on the EPA's 2014 dredging plans for the harbor and Acushnet River. Ms. Lombardo said the EPA was looking to do extensive cleanup work over the next five to seven years.

Project Manager Elaine Stanley presented a map of Coggeshall Street in New Bedford to the Slocum Street Bridge in Acushnet, showing the area along the Acushnet River that will be affected by the cleanup.

"It will be all hydraulically dredged," said Ms. Stanley.

The hydraulic dredging will start in the third week of April and continue for several months.

Hours of dredging operation have not been publicized yet, according to Ms. Stanley.

Selectboard Chairperson Leslie Dakin said he had concerns about soil being disturbed during the dredging of the river in an incoming tide. Ms. Stanley said soil disturbance would be negligible with the ebb and flow of the river tides during cleanup work.

In other matters, the Selectboard listened to a proposal by Nicholas Gomes, the governor's appointee to the Acushnet Housing Authority, to create an Affordable Housing Committee in Acushnet.

Mr. Gomes said his ultimate goal is to reshape the town so all families can live affordably.

"Some may think I am a dreamer of having affordable housing. I prefer to use the term visionary," he said.

He said that as Acushnet continues to grow, "Affordable housing for families in this town is inevitable."

He said affordable housing holds the key for Acushnet's sustainability, economic development, and smart growth.

Mr. Dakin shared Mr. Gomes's vision, and asked him if he had anyone in mind for the committee.

Mr. Gomes suggested members from the Housing Authority and other town committees to bring in different ideas to the Selectboard.

Because Acushnet has a Housing Partnership Committee that has been inactive, the board decided to revive that committee, rather than start a new one. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

Also on the agenda, Acushnet Town Planner Henry Young proposed zoning by-law amendment changes for the spring town meeting.

Mr. Young proposed amendments in zoning by-laws to create industrial districts; addressing possible medical marijuana dispensaries; extension of the village business district; FEMA floodplain overlay district updates; and amendments to the Residential

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Village district.

According to Mr. Young, the two zones suitable for industrial districts are the extreme northwest corner of town, accessible only from Acushnet Avenue, and the PJ Keating properties, where bluestone quarry operations are currently going on.

On possible future medical marijuana dispensaries, Mr. Young proposes placing them in the proposed industrial districts, far from the public view.

"The purpose is if the dispensaries ever come to town, we know where they are going to go," said Mr. Young.

Mr. Dakin said it was a well-thought out process on Mr. Young's behalf.

Mr. Young said updating the FEMA flood plain overlay district would benefit the families currently living in flood plains to still receive assistance from FEMA and insurances.

The Selectboard

approved the proposed five by-law amendments, and a public hearing has been scheduled for March 27.

In another matter, Chairperson Leslie Dakin read a request from Cub Scout Pack 51 to hold a car wash at the Russell Street Fire Station on June 7th. The board approved the request.

Mr. Dakin read a letter of request by the Dartmouth Selectboard for support petitioning reform within the Commonwealth's commercial and industrial business tax classification.

An example is small businesses valued at less than a million dollars and less than ten employees could be eligible for a 10% tax credit.

"Dartmouth's profile is different from ours and I feel we should stay with the status quo," said Mr. Dakin.

Board member Kevin Gaspar echoed that opinion on the matter.

"It's obvious we don't share the same resources as Dartmouth in this matter," he said.

The board approved a motion to file Old Colony School's tentative operating budget this year of \$1,789,000.

"It's an increase of \$105,000," said Mr. Dakin of last year's \$1.6 million budget.

Prior to the meeting, the Selectboard convened in executive session to discuss pending legal matters with Whites Woods property on lawful access to the property. The town has expressed interest in purchasing the property "provided we had sufficient access to the property," said Mr. Dakin.

Mr. Dakin said after review in executive session, the property was deemed to have no expressed access and that the matter be deferred to Town Counsel Jonathan Eichman for resolution.

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have benefited our town departments in many ways. Louise herself calls WW a "small group of Fairhaven neighbors" who are in reality holding our town hostage. FYI, Windwise is a national organization of anti-turbine activists. Recently there was a five month long discussion amongst the current Selectmen regarding who should serve as our Town Counsel because the cost of his services had drastically increased. The cause of that increase was and still is the cost of fending off the frivolous lawsuits that WW members have brought against the Town. If Ms. Barbeau is elected she and Ms. Acksen will act on behalf of WW by shutting down and forcing the removal of the turbines, moves that will likely cost Fairhaven taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in breach of contract lawsuits, dollars that should be used for safety, infrastructure, schools and other services. Throughout the turmoil caused by WW Jeannine Lopes has worked diligently to provide a mitigation plan which responds to the numerous, unsubstantiated by medical documentation, complaints of illness that the "small group of Fairhaven neighbors" claim to suffer from. It is time for our citizens to send a clear and strong message to WW that we will no longer tolerate them destroying the fabric of our community. To accomplish this you must join us on Election Day and VOTE JEANNINE LOPES FOR BOARD OF HEALTH ON MONDAY APRIL 7TH!

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By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Business Association has taken over the reins of the candidates night from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, which sponsored the event for many years. The FBA held the event on Tuesday, 3/18, at the Carousel Family Fun Center. Former long-time selectboard member and Fairhaven business owner Brian Bowcock moderated the event with Wayne Oliveira, a town Firefighter/ paramedic and Fairhaven business owner.

The wind turbines and Fairhaven Shipyard neighborhood complaints dominated the night. This year's election has two contested races: Incumbent selectboard member Charles Murphy faces a challenge from current Board of Public Works member Steven Riley; Board of Health member Jeannine Lopes, who also works for Dr. Bowcock, faces a challenge from Louise Barteau, a current member of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission (an appointed position) and an outspoken opponent of the two industrial wind turbines on Arsene Street.

Candidates gave opening statements and then faced questions.

Mr. Murphy told voters that he was seeking re-election to the board because he is committed to the town and has had the idea of service to the town instilled in him from his family.

He emphasized his experience on the board, his experience with the Rotary Club and his experience running MO LIFE, a nonprofit he founded that helps people with disabilities integrate fully in the community with jobs, housing, etc.

He said he was a licensed therapist and is "professional trained to be a good listener."

Mr. Riley told voters that he was looking forward to the challenge of being on the selectboard. He emphasized his career in private business in sales management and addressed the criticism that he did not have signs printed up and seems to be running a low-key, rather unorthodox campaign.

"Any job I've obtained up the corporate ladder has been by hard work and not by being the most popular person in my company," said Mr. Riley. "The reason I got the job is that I got the job done, plain and simple."

He said he wants to work on Fairhaven's financial challenges.

"Fairhaven doesn't have an income problem," he said. "It has an expense problem."

He said it was "unconscionable" that the selectboard spent the newly found \$450,000 from the enterprise funds that were transferred over last year. The money was for "indirect costs" that the Mass. Department of Revenue report identified.

Ms. Lopes took her time at the podium to outline the accomplishments of the Board of Health and to outline her various related certifications.

She said that the board has done a great job keeping with flu clinics, rabies clinics, mosquito and tick control and recycling.

She touted the board's many outreach and educational programs

The wind turbines and Fairhaven Shipyard neighborhood complaints dominated the night.

to inform residents of those hazards and efforts to increase recycling.

Ms. Barteau started by telling voters that she moved to Fairhaven in 2009, "The town that my father grew up in," after her husband died.

She said she has a degree in government from Harvard and worked nights as a Nurse's Aide to get through school, adding that it was her "first introduction into the world of health, and it was a real eye opener."

"Health matters to all of us," said Ms. Barteau. "And it's a community-wide endeavor."

Neither BOH candidate mentioned the wind turbines or the Fairhaven Shipyard in her opening statement, but neither of them could avoid those issues during the question and answer period.

Ms. Barteau received the bulk of the questions and of those, most were about the wind turbines, her past resistance to them, and what she would do about them if she gets

elected.

She emphasized that her focus is on the neighbors who are being affected negatively by the wind turbines. She said she learned to be a critical thinker at an early age and would bring that skill to the board. Mrs. Barteau said the BOH is supposed to be concerned about public health.

"I think the Board of Health has a responsibility for the community and that responsibility is a very important trust."

She also said it was important to include the public in decisions and not make decisions "behind closed doors."

In response to questions about the problems at the shipyard and the turbines, Ms. Barteau said the town should not depend on state agencies because, "the DEP doesn't have the local commitment to each other as a neighbor. We are neighbors here, and we have to treat each other as neighbors."

When questioned about her involvement with WindWise, Ms. Barteau said, "These are my friends and neighbors, people just like you. There's nothing special about us."

She also said that she would make decisions based on what she believed was right for the public

"It's clear that I'm not afraid to be unpopular, and it's clear that I'm not afraid to be independent," said Ms. Barteau.

Ms. Lopes defended her actions on the board in regards to the turbines and the shipyard. She said the board took the DEP sound study and acted based on those results.

Ms. Lopes also defended the board's handling of WT complaints, saying that not all of them were for sleep disturbances. She stopped short, however, of saying that the sickness complaints were the "nocebo" affect, meaning people heard negative things about the turbines and so reacted negatively to them.

She said it was possible, but would not debunk people's complaints outright.

She did however take issue with Ms. Barteau's assessment that if a person leaves the home and feels better, then it must be from the turbines. Ms. Lopes said that "true

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Michelle Picard inspires students at East Fairhaven School

By Meredith Winnett

Neigh News Correspondent

East Fairhaven School welcomed Olympic hockey player Michelle Picard on March 13. Ms. Picard is from Taunton and currently attends Harvard.

"School is a huge part of my life," Ms. Picard told students. "I wouldn't be where I am without school."

Ms. Picard said she started playing hockey at age six because her older brother played and she, "Wanted to be just like him."

Making the Olympic team was a dream come true for Ms. Picard and she said she achieved her dream because she worked hard at it.

"I committed, I made choices so I could become the best hockey player I could be," Ms. Picard told students. "Whatever you love to do, just keep going at it. Do what you love and try new things."

When asked if she was scared playing in the Olympics she said: "I was nervous because I've dreamed of this for so long, but once I was on the ice I realize this is the same game I've played my whole life."

Students asked a variety of questions, from who Ms. Picard's best friend is to if she has met anyone famous. Ms. Picard said she has met fellow Olympians Charlie White and Meryl Davis along with the Boston Bruins; and her best friend is her roommate from Sochi, also on the USA Women's Hockey Team.

One student asked what Ms. Picard's favorite part of the Olympics was.

"Just getting to play with this jersey," she answered. "It's an honor to represent your country."

Another student asked what her proudest moment was.

"The first time I saw my family [after the Olympics]," she said, adding that she was heartbroken because of losing the game, but her family was proud of the team so it was worth it to her.

She added she was, "Proud of [the silver medal] for all it symbolizes and all the hard work that went into it."

USA Women's Hockey lost to Team Canada in the championship of the Olympics and Ms. Picard is looking forward to the next Olympics for a

rematch.

"The closing ceremonies are a moment I'll never forget," said Ms. Picard, telling students that the athletes basically spent two hours mingling with athletes from other countries and learning their stories.



US Olympian Michelle Picard shows students at East Fairhaven School the silver medal she won in Sochi as part of the US Women's Hockey team. Photo by Heidi Winnett.

East Fairhaven Students learn about Mt. Washington weather

Press Release

Students and staff of East Fairhaven School recently took part in a traveling science education program through the Mount Washington Observatory.

Designed to meet State Frameworks and National Standards, MWO programs bring science to life with interactive lessons and engaging narrative. Outreach Educator, Will Broussard, explained how weather

observers and meteorologists conduct their work in the home of the world's worst weather.

Through demonstrations and video footage, students in grades PreK-2 explored the highest peak of the Northeast. Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in MWO's distance learning program in April.

Through interactive video conferencing, they will have an

opportunity to go live to the summit of Mount Washington and learn about climate and weather from the people who know it best. They'll share their first-hand knowledge and experience in an exciting, interactive format.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



LEFT: Will Broussard, the Outreach Educator from New Hampshire's Mount Washington Observatory, pounds on the wind simulator to show students at East Fairhaven School what wind feels like. RIGHT: Mr. Broussard shows students at EFS how he has to dress to stay safe from the cold on top of Mt. Washington. Mr. Broussard visited the school on March 11 & 12 and met with grades PreK to grade 2. He will be back in April to talk to grades 3-5. Photos submitted. See them in color at www.NeighNews.com

Louise BARTEAU Board of Health



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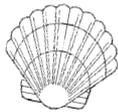
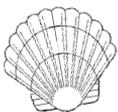
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From our readers

Pay-per-throw is viable option

Respectfully, I must disagree with the letter from Mr. Abelha in the March 13th issue of the *Neighb News*.

The entire point of Pay-as-you-Throw is to REDUCE the amount of trash and INCREASE the disgraceful recycling rate in Fairhaven.

Sure, it may seem punitive to those folks who continue to take the lazy way out, and it is meant to be just that.

My concern for the ABC renewal contract is that there is no motivation for folks to recycle. What is the difference between using small bins and two gigantic bins? People need prodding. Sometimes with a carrot and sometimes with a stick.

Another concern with ABC is that they have been unable to source a buyer for styrofoam which is clearly a product that may be recycled. Mattapoissett, our neighbor, has no such problem with this.

Why institute a program for an additional 2% which is NOT markedly different from the current program?

Paying taxes is not an excuse for not doing the right thing. One way or the other, we all have to buy trash bags. At least the bags offered by ZeroWaste are 25% recycleable.

There have been difficult issues that Fairhaven had encountered. Eleven years ago hooking up Sciticut Neck to public sewer caused an outcry. Now, it is business as usual

and the Bay is a lot better for it, which means we are all a lot better for it.

Let's continue to be on the right side of history and institute the responsible option.

Susan Spooner, Fairhaven

Marijuana's Dangerous Truth

Like I said in our last town meeting I truly wonder how many members truly believe these so-called compassionate marijuana centers will deliver what these promoters and peddlers would have you believe.

There are two points I strongly disagree or contend with. First of all the legislation and the legitimization of marijuana, in my view and experience, it will only perpetuate the myth that marijuana is a harmless drug. While I don't disagree that marijuana has some medical value, but I believe this is far outweighed by the dangers it poses, in particular to the youth of our community.

The idea that this can have some medical value while you are sucking this poison into your lungs I find hard to believe. Our society has gone to great lengths to discourage cigarette smoking. There is not a day that goes by when there is some new study that shows the harmful chemicals and diseases associated with it.

What to me is even more incredible is how any town official and in particular how a health official could vote for it. I have heard that marijuana

is even worse.

The idea that we can control the illegitimate use of it by selling only to people with a prescription is a

farce. I say all too many users will go to doctors who will be all too willing to write them for a phony excuse and price.

The fallacy these promoters would have you believe that somehow this center will generate tax revenue for the town overlooks the fact that it is to the detriment of the people who become addicted to it, instead of spending it on the necessities of life like food, shelter, or medicine, because for too many, their only concern will be to get high.

For parents of those children who get addicted to it, I feel sorry for them for their focus will be on getting high and getting the money for it.

Maybe the town may get some additional revenue, but who is paying for it? I say it's a scam, it's a phony promise, just grow and sell it the town will have economic growth and all these tax revenues.

Real economic growth is difficult. You need the skills, education, and most important the work ethic. How about medical devices, electronic componets? This would be real economic growth anybody can grow and sell marijuana.

John Pond, Fairhaven

EFS PTO says "Thank You"

The East Fairhaven School PTO would like to thank the following people and/or businesses for their generous contributions to our Parents' Night Out fundraiser: Bay State Gymnastics Academy, Bowlicious Baby Boutique, Becky Fleurent, Brahmin, Burlap Sisters, Care Free Homes, Carousel Family Fun Center, Danny's Seafood, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, Emma Jean's, Evergreen Designs, Gloria and

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The East Fairhaven School PTO

Dog Park Committee shaping up, needs members

The recently revived Fairhaven Dog Park Committee met in the auditorium of the Town Hall on Monday March 24th in order to elect officers and begin the process of creating a safe, leash-free space where dog owners can bring their pets to exercise and socialize.

The committee now has five members and is actively seeking more community members to join. Interested dog owners should send a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen. The committee's new officers, Laurie Traudt and Carol Tyson encourage all interested parties to attend the next meeting to be held at the end of April.

Please refer to the Town's website: fairhaven-ma.gov for further information.

*Diane Hahn, Fairhaven Dog Park
Committee*

AFS proud of role with NBHS

Recently, U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry issued a communication to exceptional schools in the U.S. that support public diplomacy efforts by hosting high school exchange students sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. AFS has just learned that New Bedford High School received this commendation from Secretary Kerry, and we want to express how proud we are to work in educational partnership with this outstanding school and its visionary leaders.

Nearly 30 years ago, I was welcomed into a U.S. high school as an exchange student from Argentina.

The experiences I had while living with a host family, attending school, and becoming a member of a community are what led me to an international career and eventually to become the President of AFS-USA.

As global headlines continue to focus on issues of conflict that affect us all, regardless of where we live, I cannot think of anything more important than creating opportunities for young people from diverse backgrounds to understand one another better.

By opening their doors to host exchange students, New Bedford High School is providing all students with opportunities to increase their global awareness and cultural understanding as they continue on the path towards becoming global citizens and the kind of leaders this world needs.

The AFS mission is to help build a more just and peaceful world. Our work would be impossible if not for the outstanding educators, host families, and volunteers who recognize the importance of global exchange.

Thank you, New Bedford High School. We hope that more schools will follow the example you have set by hosting young people from around the world and encouraging U.S. students to have a similar experience abroad.

Jorge Castro, President, AFS-USA

Board of Health race has potential to make change

In Fairhaven's election for Board of Health I'm sure Gordon Deane's and Jeff Osuch's backers will pull those strings they've tied to their Friends. Maybe the Friends are really born again environmentalists but I doubt it. The green in these supporters of the status quo come from the phony promise of increased revenue. Not all but many of their votes come from the anticipation of the expected favor or payback for one delivered.

The turbines aren't the issue, only the latest symptom of a sick government and town. From dumps to sewer plants to demolition debris incinerators this election is again about a Health Board long incapable of doing its job.

Call me naive but I have to believe the majority remembers what Fairhaven used to be and still value honest town government. The question is

will they vote on April 7th?

The words in quotations below are taken from an editorial in the 2013 August, *Fairhaven-Acushnet Advocate*. They relate to the vote that gave Gordon Deane the mitigation plan he wanted. The vote by two members of the BOH allowed him to run his turbines 24/7 and to keep people awake at night. A neutral observer saw an injustice and wrote about it. You decide whom two members of Fairhaven's Health Board are working for and who the present Chairman, Jeannine Lopes, is speaking for.

"Peter DeTerra and Jeannine Lopes refused to answer questions from the press following the past two meetings. These were important BOH meetings where decisions were made on the wind turbines. These elected officials didn't stick around to answer questions. They both made speedy exits from the meeting room at Town Hall.

"It would be nice if Ms. Lopes had stayed behind to explain her motion in plain English. The motion sounded like something written by a lawyer... reading the motion by rote as if she was reading something written by a lawyer, not something she wrote herself.

"So much for open government,"
(The Advocate Editorial)

If you are one of those people who will vote and haven't decided for who, watch the Business Association candidates night on channel 18 (also available online through the town's website). Watch intelligence, character, and grace defeat a bully.

Inviting Brian Bowcock to moderate made this debate a sham and Fairhaven's Business Association, who ever they are, should be ashamed, but in the long run they did Louise a favor.

April 7th will be the day when Fairhaven learns how many friends honest open government has.

Henry Ferreira, Fairhaven

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing April 07, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for determination Applicant Jeanette Murphy Location Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 127 Purpose perform perk test within an VE flood zone and verify wetland line.
- Request for Determination Applicant Ronald Templeton Location 196 Dogwood Street Plot 43B Lots 206 Purpose construct a 2 car garage, shed, and deck all within an AE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Michael Ristuccia Location 20 Bass Creek Road Plot 43C Lots 389-414 Purpose fill 250 square feet of wetland within an AE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Lauren L. Francis Location Scoticut Neck Road Plot 29 Lot 1B Purpose construct single family dwelling within 100' buffer zone to BVW.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Fairhaven Board of Public Works Location Scoticut Neck Road Plot 29 Lot 1B Purpose repair 2 12" RCP drainage pipe within a wetland area.
- Request for Determination Applicant Town of Fairhaven Shellfish Department (Tim Cox) Location 55 Goulart Memorial Drive Plot 42 Lot 23A Purpose install Up Weller and fencing within a beach area and a VE flood zone.

Jay Simmons Chairman,
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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"sleep deprivation" does not go away in a day or two.

As for the shipyard, Ms. Lopes said that the board has taken action, including soil testing that the shipyard did not want, but was forced on them.

She said it was an ongoing issue that the board has been addressing and is continuing to address.

When questioned about the inspection of food establishments in Fairhaven, Ms. Lopes said that all rules and regulations are "strictly followed."

Other candidates who attended the event were incumbents Pamela Kuechler and Brian Monroe for School Committee, and incumbent Brian Wotton for Board of Public Works, who are all running unopposed.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Health

Mon., 3/31, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 4/7, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 4/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/27, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Comm.

Thurs., 3/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

GSC: Public Hearings

4/3, West Isl. Comm. House, 7 p.m.

4/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Office Hours

Bob Espindola/Selectboard

Wed., 4/2, Town Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
first hour: Boy Scout Troop 52 will share their knowledge of: Knife Safety, Knot Tying, Emergency Preparedness, Flat Etiquette, Rocketry

Oxford/Rogers Study Com

Thurs., 4/3, Town Hall, 6:30

Planning Board

Tues., 4/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon. 3/31, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 4/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/26, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Shellfish/Boat Ramp/Water

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

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 4/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Wed., 4/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 4/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

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| Wednesday | 2 | 1035 | 2257 | 0411* | 1607* |
| Thursday | 3 | 1121 | 2343 | 0440* | 1640 |

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Candidate Statements: Fairhaven Board of Health



Louise Barteau

I am running for the Board of Health in order to stand up for fairness and meaningful public participation in decision making that affects community health.

Boards of Health set policy, develop health resources, and exercise legal authority in a rapidly changing world. Board members need to be able to understand how policy affects people's lives, have the intellectual curiosity to investigate problems, and the courage to act when action is needed.

I believe I hold the right qualifications for the job. I earned a degree from Harvard in government, where I learned excellent critical thinking and communication skills. Working nights as a nurse's aide to help my family pay the tuition bills taught me equally important lessons about the burden of poor health on individuals and their families. Like all former teachers I believe in education, and, like most artists, I am an independent thinker.

If elected to the board, I promise to listen compassionately to all of our citizens, research the issues carefully, and seek practical positive outcomes to community health problems. Current public health issues include preventing heart attacks and strokes, helping smokers quit, newborn screenings, food safety, concussions, children's mental health, preventative screening for children and violence prevention.

All of these are important initiatives in every community.

I also have a deep interest in how the environment affects our health such as air quality, food safety, brownfields, land re-use, land use planning, and chemical use indoors and out. The World Health Organization declares that we have a basic right to health. The Mass. Constitution states that we also have a right to clean air, clean water and freedom from excessive noise. Human health and environmental health are two sides of the same coin. I presently serve on the Fairhaven Conservation Commission, where I work to protect our natural resources in ways that promote clean air and water and open space protection.

It is no secret that for the last two years, I have been deeply concerned about the folks whose health is being negatively impacted by the wind turbines. Like every Fairhaven citizen, they deserve to be listened to and included in decision making that affects their lives. And they are further entitled to an investigation of their concerns that includes independent verification of the facts.

The daughter of an American history teacher, I was taught that democracy depends on our willingness to stand up for what is right and fair. Fairhaven deserves town officials that are responsive, caring, and wise. If elected, with your help, I will bring a new level of compassion, civility, and fact-based transparent decision making to the Board of Health. Thank you.

Never ruin an apology with an excuse.

Kimberly Johnson



Jeannine Lopes

My name is Jeannine Lopes and I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Health. I have been a member of the Board for six years now and I wish to continue on serving the people of Fairhaven and continue to move this community

in a positive direction.

I am currently the Chairperson of the Board of Health and I am also the flu clinic coordinator. I am a certified Board of Health member with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, and a certified food manager as well as being certified in NIMS 700 and ICS 100. I am a Fairhaven MRC member with community health experience.

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Health so that together we can maintain experienced and consistent leadership and keep Fairhaven moving in a positive direction.

I represent all the people of Fairhaven, the WHOLE town not one particular group or constituency.

I feel that with my past experience and knowledge on this Board this continuity will continue to benefit everyone.

My passion is Fairhaven and I am proud to be a part of the decision making for the benefit of everyone. I am a team player and I do not stand for any single group or person. We are a town made up of many individuals and everyone matters. During the past six years the board has been challenged by many difficult decisions. I feel that I have been able to meet those challenges, and I look forward to the challenges we face in the future.

Together, with your help and support we can continue to keep our community safe and healthy. I ask for and thank you for your vote on Monday April 7, 2014.

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Candidate Statements: Acushnet Selectboard



Paul Levasseur

My name is Paul Levasseur, and I'm running for a seat on the Acushnet Board of Selectmen. I am running for Selectman because I care about the future of the town and I want to ensure that transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability are established in our town government and that the voices of our townspeople are represented in decisions made by town officials.

I will do my best to represent the wishes of the town's people and make sure all issues brought before the board are looked at fairly, and impartially.

I will support and work cooperatively with other town boards and look forward to the opportunity to serve the Town of Acushnet.

The most important issues are the handling of the BPW and cleaning up the mess created by previous boards. In addition I want to make sure we watch our tax dollars carefully and provide the services we need without growing the budget.

I am supportive of the disbanding of the BPW. This election is very important in that regard as my opponent Garry Rawcliffe served on the BPW during one of its most controversial times. Garry Rawcliffe oversaw the sewer project that cost the residents thousands in overruns because of poor communication and mismanagement. In addition Mr. Rawcliffe served on the BPW during its endless pursuit of water independence which did not provide the town with one drop of water but did give us over 3 million dollars in future debt and escalated water rates. I want to use my real life construction background to help the Board of Selectmen make good sound decisions as they look to reform the DPW and tackle the mess they inherited.

I support the library being moved to the Marie S. Howard School and I support the way it is now being done. I think the Library Trustees are putting a good plan forward that will not raise the taxes of our residents. It might not be the Cadillac plan but it will serve the needs of the town in a more efficient and affordable manner.

I hope the Police Station Building Committee can bring the costs down. I am concerned about possible overruns but I think the Committee was smart to re-bid the project. The voters said they want a new station but we need to make sure they don't pay any more than they approved.

I am proud to say that my business partner and I purchased the Severance Property and plan to refurbish it and bring it back to its former glory. I believe in historical preservation and I am putting my money where my mouth is. However, when taxpayer dollars are used we must treat these projects like we are spending our own money and know when to stop putting good money into bad.

Please consider voting for me, Paul Levasseur, on Election Day- April 7, 2014.



Garry Rawcliffe

My name is Garry Rawcliffe and I am seeking the office of Selectman. I have a wife, Michelle, of 22 years and two children, Alexandra and Zachary. You may recognize my name from other positions I have held in town, Planning Board and Board of Public Works. You may also recognize me from Acushnet Grange and the third grade dictionary program. I have been a member for some 25 plus years and currently hold the office of Master. I am also involved with Troop 51 BSA. I am the activities director and have been with the troop for nine years.

I have been out of politics for eight years but with the recent dissolving of the Board of Public Works I feel I can offer a good inside perspective of what needs to be done.

First, I believe we need to address the water/sewer bills and the privilege fees. We also need to negotiate a long-term water and sewer contract with the City of New Bedford. This will help stabilize the rates. Next, will be the reorganization of the highway and water/sewer departments, and resolve the employee contract issues. We are aslo 18 months away from the end of our trash contract at SEMASS. It may seem like a lot of work, but I feel I am up to the task.

Finally, I would just like to bring a common sense approach to the decisions that I will have to make as your Selectman. So help me out and please give me your consideration on Election Day, April 7th.

Bay Swim offering free reg

Press Release

The waters of New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay are still chilly from winter, but the warmth of summer will soon be here! Get outside and show your support for clean water by swimming in the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 21st annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, June 28. Swimmers who sign up **through Tues., 4/1 at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim will enjoy free registration.**

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a 1.2-mile open water course across outer New Bedford Harbor, starting at The Edge Seafood & Lounge (formerly Davy's Locker) in New Bedford's South End and ending at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven. The Swim draws participants of all ages and abilities, including families, swim teams, serious competitors, and individuals seeking a new fitness challenge. Recreational swimmers can choose to swim with a kayak escort or swim aids such as fins and snorkels.

Now in its 21st year, the Buzzards Bay Swim is a signature outdoor event for the SouthCoast. Three hundred twenty-five swimmers are expected to participate in this year's Swim, hailing from communities across southeastern New England and as far away as Florida, California and Washington, D.C. At the finish line celebration, families and community members will enjoy food and festivities, including live music, an awards ceremony and free beach activities for children.

All funds raised from the Swim support the Coalition's work to restore clean water, conserve natural areas and engage the community in protecting our local waterways.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Benjamin Franklin

BPW approves driveway waiver

By Michael Smith

Neighb News Correspondent

With a light agenda on the docket, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works approved several requests and items for action on Monday, 3/24. Board member Kathy Sturtevant was absent from the meeting.

In order to perform work on an addition for a family member, Michael Oliveira of Oliveira Construction requested a permit from the board to be the town's newest drain layer. With all his recommendations in order and liability insurance covered, according to Chairperson Steven Riley, the board unanimously approved the request.

Raymond Lague of 11 Babbitt Street asked the board for a driveway waiver on his mother's property. Mr. Lague is asking for a waiver to open for a thirteen-foot opening for a circular driveway to ease the traffic on the street.

"I think it will be good for all the

neighbors," said Mr. Lague of the driveway alleviating existing parking issues on the property.

Mr. Lague also said the opening of the driveway will raise the property value as well.

"I think everyone will gain from this," said Mr. Lague.

The board unanimously approved the request.

In items for action, the board approved a \$4,000 amendment to an engineering agreement with Tata and Howard for repair work on the Tinkham Lane Well.

"It's another task order for Tata and Howard to oversee repair of the Tinkham Well, as requested by us," said Board Superintendent Vinnie Furtado to the board.

In other matters, Pavao Construction, currently working on construction on Fort Street, was approved for \$1,697.57 change order by the board. According to Mr. Furtado, the change order reflects

what was needed to appease the neighbors of additional concrete and moving trees around during construction.

The board also unanimously approved a seventh payment requisition to Pavao Construction for \$7,484.40 on the aforementioned Fort Street project.

A \$3570 engineering agreement with GCG Associates was approved to oversee work done on 267 Huttleston Avenue.

"It's for a water separator and changing water boxes. No drainage, just dealing with water and sewer," said Mr. Furtado.

The Board of Public Works will attend an upcoming meeting of the Government Study Committee on Thursday, March 27 at 6:15 p.m. at Town Hall.

The board convened in executive session to discuss the solid waste contract.

Bikeway Committee raises \$1100



The Powers Family attends a Spaghettia Supper fund-raiser benefitting the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee on Monday, 3/24 at Elizabeth's Restaurant. About 75 people were served and the committee raised \$1100. All food was donated by Gail Isaksen, who also lent two of her employees to the cause. Proceeds will go toward new bike racks to be put up at various town properties, and for T-Shirts for Children participating in the Safe Routes to School program. The committee would like to thank all who came out to support the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. *Submitted photo. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com*



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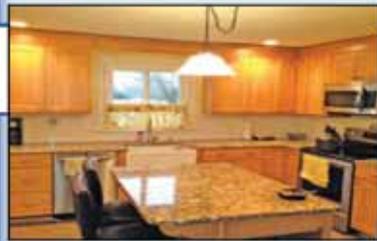
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Police: Man acting irrationally drove “donuts” in park

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Just after 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 3/19, the Fairhaven Police Department received numerous 911 calls reporting a person operating a motor vehicle erratically in the area of Route 6 and Adams Street. Witnesses last saw the vehicle turn north onto Adams Street. A short time later, Officer Frank Sniezek found the vehicle traveling in front of Oxford School in North Fairhaven.

Officer Sniezek observed the vehicle drive down a side street and enter Livesey Park, where the operator began doing donuts in the outfield of the ball fields.

Officers Daniel Dorgan, Christopher Bettencourt, Kevin Chase and Scott Joseph, along with Detectives Jerald Bettencourt and Scott Gordon and Sergeants Michael and Matthew Botelho surrounded the suspect, later identified as 23-year old Chad Santos of New Plainville Road, New Bedford.

Santos stopped his vehicle, then went to the trunk, which he opened, and removed an unknown item. Santos appeared to have placed

something behind one of the rear tires of the vehicle, then got back into the car and closed the door. Officers observed him reach under the front seat several times.

During the entire encounter, Santos was behaving in a very irrational manner. He appeared to be in a highly agitated and in a highly emotional state. He was continuously yelling that he was being followed.

Due to the behavior and actions exhibited by Santos, Officers were concerned and believed he may have been in possession of a firearm or other type of weapon. Officers conducted a felony stop and ordered Santos out of the vehicle at gunpoint. Santos exited the vehicle, described as a 200 Infinity, and lay on the ground in the prone position.

Detective Gordon and Officer Dorgan took him into custody without further incident.

During a subsequent search of the vehicle driven by Santos, Officers discovered a small plastic baggie that contained a white powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine, along with a sublingual dose

of suboxone. Santos was immediately transported to St. Luke's Hospital for medical evaluation.

After being medically cleared by the hospital, Santos was transported to Third District Court where he was arraigned on numerous charges to include negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor so as to endanger, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, trespassing with a motor vehicle, possession of a class b substance subsequent offense and vandalism.

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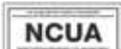
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