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**(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)**

## We surrender!



Residents at this house on the corner of Scoticut Neck Road and Hacker Street have made their statement: They have admitted defeat in the face of snowstorm after snowstorm. Rachel Ratajack, who lives in the house with her husband Robert, said it was all her husband's idea. "I broke my shovel and I surrendered," Mr. Ratajack told the Neighb News. "I think it was after the second blizzard." He said he does not think the terms of his surrender have been accepted. "It looks like the assault will continue," he said. And it looks like he's right. Snow was forecast again this week, with several inches expected, although not as much as in past storms. The frigid cold continues as well, with temperatures dipping below zero and barely making it to the freezing point all week. The snow that was left on streets is solid ice and te walkways and other pathways that have not been cleared are almost like concrete. The cold and wet weather pattern is expected to persist for at least another two or three weeks. Meanwhile, the locals are trying to make the best of it (see page 13). "People stop like you wouldn't believe to take pictures of that thing," said Ms. Ratajack. See pages 12 & 13 for more snow pictures. *Photo by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

I know, I know...everyone's getting tired of the snow and the snow pictures. But, I've got to tell you, there's not a whole lot going on besides the weather in the way of good cover shots.

Besides, who can resist a good surrender story?

And, besides (again), it can't last forever, right? The planting supplies are in the stores...ready or not, here it comes...hah! It's truly difficult to think that we should be planning our planting while there are mountains of packed snow all around. And the ice? I won't even go into that. I've used more rock-salt and sand this year than I think I used in the last 10 years.

On page 13 you'll see a creative way to deal with the snowdrums. One of our neighbors actually....well, no, go to page 13 and see for yourself.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Selectboard (page 4) decided on an overall town budget. Now, to try to stay within it!

On the happenings pages you'll see that the calendar is tipping towards spring, even if the weather is not. Events have been planned and are going forward. Some should be pretty interesting in the snow.

Fairhaven's first Short Film Festival is tonight and tomorrow night at town hall (see page 3). It looks like it's going to be a fun and kind of different night. A Fairhaven native even has a film in the mix. The event is also supporting the Wounded Warrior project.

It looks like just the thing to break up the winter snowdrums.

The rest of the trash carts should be delivered in the next few days (see page 5).

That's it. This week is the last time using my own trash bag and recycle bins, the one from the town and the red one from Benny's. Red and blue. My own little arrangement. It's the last time my little street will have its own unique look on trash day, with all the mishmash of mixed up containers of various sizes, colors, textures, and, dare I say, personalities, or, at least, reflecting the personalities of their owners. Next week, we take another step toward "Little Boxes," even here on West Island, and on the funky little twisted streets along the water all over Fairhaven.

".....And they're all made out of ticky tacky  
"And they all look just the same...."

Ah well. I guess it's progress.

I'm going to miss the differences, though. I threw my first bag of trash into the big bin today. Now, the trick will be to get the cart out of the snow bank and to the end of the driveway.

Yeah, that should be easy. It's going to be March for heaven's sake.

Well, until next week then. Please be sure to tell our advertisers you saw their ads in the Neighb News.

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Nothing? Really?

# Fairhaven's first Short Film Festival this weekend

## Will benefit Wounded Warrior Project

### Press Release

Continuing their tradition of sponsoring and introducing local events, (Summer Concert Series, the West Island 5K, Picnic on the Lawn) Howe Allen Realty is pleased to sponsor the Fairhaven Short Film Festival, to be presented at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium on February 26th and 27th at 7 p.m.

The proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. These short films are from promising young artists and seasoned award-winning directors alike. In addition, a short film by Fairhaven resident Adam Katz will be featured.

Mina Greene, weekend news anchor for WBZ News radio 1030AM, will serve as the emcee.

Tickets are available for \$12 general public, or \$10 seniors/students at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1193618](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1193618) or they can be purchased at the door.

Come and share an evening of entertaining short films, see your neighbors, and support a worthy cause. Our veterans have served our country proudly, come show your community support for them.

Doors open at 6:15, beer and wine for purchase, during which live piano music will be performed by Tim Evans.

Additionally, donations will be accepted for the Wounded Warrior Project. A successful turnout by the community will determine if this becomes an annual event.

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# Selectboard adopts fiscal policy, votes on FY16 funds

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard met with the school department and the public works department about their budgets on Monday, 2/23, and also decided to adopt a policy of spending 80% of local receipts and 85% of tax revenue, instead of spending it all. The board voted to use the figure of \$46,750,000 as the annual FY16 budget and will trim and cut and do what is necessary to stay within that amount.

The town has been receiving warnings from ratings agencies because of over-spending in recent years.

Selectboard chair Bob Espindola looked over a sheet that Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch had created with a list of areas that could be trimmed.

Mr. Espindola said the \$46.75 million figure was because they felt comfortable with the certain cuts.

Mr. Osuch disagreed, saying the board has to change its way of thinking. It's not where the number should be because of the cuts you can make, he said. It's starting with

the number and then balancing the budget.

In any case, the board will have to trim \$275,000 to \$325,000 from requests for spending at Town Meeting and from annual budgets.

Mr. Osuch told the board that if they cut \$275,000 there will be nothing left for the special town meeting that is held within the TM.

The final numbers from the governor had not come in yet as of Monday, either, so that also complicates matters.

The point is, though, that the town should not spend all of its revenue. It needs to put some aside in the stabilization fund; and it has to put some into a capital planning fund to start better planning for expenditures such as equipment, vehicles, etc.

The school department submitted a budget request of \$18,737,194, up 2.12% from last year.

Discussion mostly revolved around certain areas that had an increase and the circuit breaker account. The circuit breaker is the amount of money the state allows the school department to have in reserve for

special needs students.

The district must pay if a student needs to go to a special school. The state reimburses tuition, but does not reimburse transportation.

The amount can fluctuate significantly, even \$500,000 or \$600,000, as the amounts are based on the previous year. Students leave the district, others come into the district; and students get integrated into the student body.

"We follow what their needs are," said Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin.

The district cannot expect a

certain amount in circuit breaker money just because they got it the year before, he said.

Dr. Baldwin attributed changes in salaries to retirements and hiring teachers at a lower level. The increase in salaries in some areas he attributed to teachers getting advanced degrees.

Dr. Baldwin also said that the receipts from the town of Acushnet are on the upswing as more students are choosing Fairhaven High School. He said the new agreement with Acushnet also includes transportation costs.

He told the board that any cuts, or even rumors of cuts, might scare away Acushnet students.

"We are a level one school," said Dr. Baldwin, and talked about class size and how many teachers are needed, etc. "I don't want to mess with any of that stuff."

Mr. Osuch reiterated his complaint that the school department does not itemize its budget the way all other departments do, including listing employees by name and salary.

School Committee member Bernard Roderick, a former Superintendent of schools in Fairhaven, said that information was published in the finance committee report at annual town meeting.

Mr. Osuch reminded him that the listing in the FinCom book is a calendar year listing of actual payments to employees, not salaries and not contracted rates of pay.

The board did not vote on the budget.

The Department of Public Works also submitted its budget to the Selectboard. The line item that includes uniforms doubled in every department, causing some discussion.

DPW Superintendent Vinnie Furtado, Water Superintendent Ed Fortin and Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick were all on hand to attest to the fact that uniform costs simply went up, a lot.

The board also discussed the future expenditures, estimated in the millions, that will need to be spent on the aging Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Osuch said major systems in the plant are supposed to have a life of about 20 years and they are approaching the 27 year mark.

He said there will be some "serious

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Cart system update

The new trash and recycle carts should be delivered to all homes in Fairhaven by 2/27. However, some homes might accidentally get skipped over. If you have not received your carts by 2/27, or if you would like to request a smaller cart, call or email the Fairhaven Board of Health at 508-979-4022, ext 125 or BOH@Fairhaven-ma.gov OR call the public works department at 508-979-4031.

**If you do not get your carts in time for your trash day next week, just use your old cans/containers.** ABC will continue to pick up your trash even if you do not have the new carts for the first couple of weeks or so, until they are sure that all homes have the carts.

## Fairhaven Film Fest For Wounded Warriors

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## FBA Annual Mtg

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. invites all Fairhaven Businesses to their Annual Meeting, **Tues., 3/3, at 6 p.m. at the Pasta House, 100 Alden Road.** This will be a dinner meeting, the cost is **\$25 per person** and includes dinner, beverage and dessert.

We will start the evening with a brief discussion about the 2015 calendar, update on our non-profit status, 2015 nomination of Officers. We will then take a vote on the nominations. Dinner will then follow and the rest of the evening will be spent enjoying our dinner and the company of other town businesses.

**If you would like to attend** please stop by Emma Jean's or Carousel Family Fun Center to drop off your reservation and check written out to Fairhaven Business Association, Inc.

We all can use a night out. We forward to seeing all of you.

## Food Drive

Help fight hunger. Join **Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven,** in the fight against hunger. March is National Nutrition Month. We'll be collecting canned soup and other non-perishable items throughout the month of March. All food items will be donated to help support our local community. Donations may be

dropped off from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit [www.atriafairhaven.com](http://www.atriafairhaven.com)

## Candidates Night

The Fairhaven Selectboard has announced that there will be a Government Access Candidate's Night on **Wed., 3/11, at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., at 6:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be available to purchase to benefit the Town's Social Day program.

Candidates have been notified. This year, members of the Town Government Study Committee will be active participants in the event.

The event will be broadcast frequently on Channel 18 after the event.

## Chairs are going...

The Friends of the Millicent Library has received donations for 90 of the 100 chairs they are buying for the library's auditorium.

Chairs have been donated in memory of people who contributed much to the town in the past, including Henry Huttleston Rogers, teachers Nancy Bunnell and Earl Dias, and librarians Avis Pillsbury and Helen Bisbee. Living honorees include Blanche Pepin and Gerry Payette, of the Shepherd's Pantry. Still other chairs have been donated by town organizations, including the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association, the Mothers Club, the Fairhaven Historical Society, and Taber Lodge. Favorite authors have also been commemorated.

To sponsor a chair, send a donation of \$50 to Friends of the Millicent Library, P.O. Box 30, Fairhaven, MA 02719. A plaque will be affixed to the chair (3 lines or fewer, no more than 20 letters and spaces per line). You can download a form at <http://millicentlibrary.org/fundraisers-2014-15/> or pick one up at the library.

## 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 6 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, 3/6.**

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Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

## Spaghetti Supper

St. Joseph Parish Spaghetti Supper, **Thurs., 3/19, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.**

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating the feast day of our Patron Saint, St. Joseph, with a Spaghetti Supper. Join us for our celebration complete with Italian music and meal.

The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, homemade zeppole (traditional St. Joseph's ricotta cream puffs) and assorted refreshments. 50/50 and assorted raffles will be held during the meal.

Tickets will be sold after masses on Sun., March 8, and the weekend of March 14/15, or call the church office to reserve tickets at 508-994-9714 or email [secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net)

**Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for 7-10 year-olds; under 6 are free.**

The proceeds benefit a parishioner in need of intense medical care. Accessible.

## Be a hero, give blood

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes in communities across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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# Woman charged in death of Conrad Roy III

By Beth David  
Editor

An 18-year-old Plainville, Mass., woman was arraigned on manslaughter charges on February 6 in connection with the death of Conrad Roy III, 18, last July. Mr. Roy was found in a car in the KMart parking lot in Fairhaven. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Michelle Carter, who was 17 in July, was arraigned in juvenile court in New Bedford. She is being charged as a juvenile offender. Because she is an adult now, her records are public information.

According to those records, Ms. Carter encouraged Mr. Roy to kill himself, even telling him, by text, to "get back in" the car when he started to change his mind.

Court records state that after police gained access to Mr. Roy's phone they found "that a string of text messages stretched all the way back to early last week [before his death], and throughout the entire sequence of messages from early last week till the Saturday before Conrad's body and truck were located,

Michelle Carter not only encouraged Conrad to take his own life, she questioned him repeatedly as to when and why he hadn't done it yet, right up to the point of when his final text was sent to her on Saturday evening, July 12, 2014 at 6:26 p.m.

The 20+ pages of court documents show a pattern in more than 1,000 text messages between Ms. Carter and Mr. Roy that police allege resulted in Mr. Roy taking his own life.

In text messages to her friends, Ms. Carter describes in detail how she heard him kill himself, and expresses guilt over it and her inability to stop him.

In other text messages, Ms. Carter tells her friends that Mr. Roy is missing and she is worried about him, but, at the same time, she is texting him. Police say those texts show that she helped him choose his method of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Still haven't found him. I'm a mess," texted Ms. Roy a full day before Mr. Roy was missing.

The court records are rife with similar examples.

On July 10, according to court

records, Ms. Carter texted one of her friends saying that Mr. Roy was missing.

"I texted his mom because I was getting really worried," reads the text. "She said they've been looking for him the past few hours and they can't find him."

According to police, that text was sent two days before he was missing and eight minutes after Ms. Carter got a text from Mr. Roy. Ms. Carter also texted at one point that she did not contact Mr. Roy's mother because she did not have contact information for her.

Ms. Carter also texted Mr. Roy's 13-year-old sister with long, detailed, dramatic messages that she attributed to Mr. Roy that detailed his depression and reasons why he wished to kill himself.

Ms. Carter also held a fund-raiser in Plainville for the Roy family that she promoted on Facebook.

Many texts seem designed to elicit sympathy for herself; others contain long passages of advice to others on how to go on and live with the pain.

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**St. Patrick's Day** Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. Erin go Bragh! Here at Atria Fairhaven, we're all just a little bit Irish. Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day with entertainment by Bill Mulligan, and enjoy delicious Irish Soda Bread and Irish Coffee in the company of good friends. Does anyone know how to dance the Irish Jig? We can't wait to see you. RSVP by 3/13



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## Audition

An audition for a single role in the World Premiere of a new work by local playwright, Ray Veary, *The Obraz*, will be held on 2/27.

Director Judy Lemay is looking to cast the role of Felix, a young ambitious priest age 22-28. **An audition will be held on Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre Playhouse Complex at St. Martin's Church at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford.** The audition will be a cold reading from the script. *The Obraz* will be presented April 9-12, 2015. All other roles have been cast.

The play, based upon actual events in 1934 Poland, tells the story of a young cloistered nun, Faustina, who has a nearly impossible challenge. She must create an inspired painting, but she has neither the skills nor the money for the task.

Inept at the most basic of the convent's kitchen work, she is also surrounded by skeptics. Some of the other nuns plainly suspect she's not in her right mind. When she finally finds an artist she believes suitable to create the painting she has imagined, he presents her biggest obstacle yet. But our young nun has a couple of unexpected allies on her side. If all saints had pasts, as Augustine once said, then doubtlessly more than a few of those pasts had their untold stories of humanity and humor. *The Obraz* is a speculation upon the untold story of Saint Faustina.

For additional information, call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or e-mail ytinc@verizon.net.

## Slamtastic

The Harlem Wizards (tricks hoops and alley oops) will be coming to **New Bedford Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, on Wed., 3/10, at 7 p.m.** to play against the Acushnet Wildcats!!! Jordan Todman will also be there playing for the Acushnet Wildcats!!! Proceeds will benefit the Acushnet Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund.

People can get tickets at Acushnet Elementary School and by contacting Lisa Carvalho at 508-998-0255 ext 2108. **Advanced tickets for students are \$10 and adults are \$12.** Tickets at the door are \$12 for students and

\$15 for adults. Court side tickets are \$25. Tickets are also available online at [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com)

There will be time for people to get souvenirs and meet with the Harlem Wizards as well as Jordan Todman!!

## Spaghetti Supper DATE CHANGE

**ANNUAL VALENTINE SPAGHETTI SUPPER** with Raffle. Delicious Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Beverages. Proceeds to benefit Holiday Meals at Soup Kitchen

Join us on **Sat., Feb. 28\* at 6:00 p.m.** Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Streets, New Bedford. Donation: **\$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12. \*Date changed due to snow.**

## Painting with Splash

The New Bedford Whaling Museum and **Painting with a Splash** invite you to a painting class at the Whaling Museum with step-by-step instructions, a little music, a little wine and a lot of fun! The class will take place on **Thurs., 3/5. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., painting begins at 6 p.m.**

The class will be led by artists from Painting with a Splash. Create your very own masterpiece painting to take home. No experience necessary!

**Registration is \$45 for Whaling Museum Members and \$50 for Non Members.** Registration includes all supplies, a glass of wine and snacks. A cash bar will also be available for additional beverage purchases. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Call 508-997-0046 x100 or visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org) to sign up today!

## Ireland 5K

A fun family event, the 3rd annual New Bedford Ireland 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place **Sund., 3/1 at 11 a.m. in New Bedford.** This is a fun Irish oriented event that celebrates the month of March and Saint Patrick. The fun Run/Walk starts and finishes at the junction of Union Street and MacArthur Boulevard.

All ages are invited to participate at every level of fitness. Wearing Luck of Irish green or Irish costumes is encouraged although not required — families may run, walk, or stroll with

baby in carriage.

**Registration takes place at Slainte Irish Bar, 34 Union Street, New Bedford on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from Noon to 4 p.m. Entry fee for onsite 2/28 registration is \$33 for the 5K Run/Walk.**

On Race day March 1, registration takes place at Slainte Irish Bar, 34 Union Street, New Bedford Sunday, from 9:30 a.m to 15 minutes before race start. Race Day fees are \$35. Register at: [www.ireland5k.com](http://www.ireland5k.com)

Every participant will receive a t-shirt. The first 500 who register will receive a long sleeve technical t-shirt. All entries after 500 will receive a short sleeve cotton shirt. Bonus gift! Free Guinness glass for the first 250 to register.

For more info contact: [geoff.smith@thesightings.com](mailto:geoff.smith@thesightings.com)

## Youth Hockey Reg.

After another successful hockey season, the South Coast Panthers Youth Hockey Association will be holding **spring tryouts for the upcoming 2015-16 season for both boys and girls.** All tryouts will be held at the Hetland Ice Rink at 310 Hathaway Blvd in New Bedford.

All skaters **MUST** Have a current USA Hockey registration number, Register online at [www.southcoastpanthers.com](http://www.southcoastpanthers.com), Pay a \$150 (\$75 for midgets) non-refundable & non-transferable evaluation fee at the rink on the first tryout date. Make check payable to SCPYHA

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- Tues. 3/3 & Tues. 3/10, 5:30-6:20pm. Girls U10 (born in the years 2005, 2006) & U12 (born in 2003 & 2004)
- Tues., 3/3 & Tues. 3/10 6:30-7:20pm. Girls U14 (2002 & 2001)
- Tues. 3/3 & Tues. 3/10 7:30-8:20pm. Girls U19 (1996-2000)
- Thurs. 3/5 & Thurs. 3/12 5:30-6:20pm. Mites (2007, 2008...)
- Thurs. 3/5 & Thurs. 3/12 6:30-7:20pm. Squirts (2005 & 2006)
- Thurs. 3/5 & Thurs. 3/12 7:30-8:20pm. PeeWees (2003 & 2004)
- Thurs. 3/5 & Thurs. 3/12 8:30-9:20pm. Bantams (2001-2002)
- Mon. 3/16 8:30-9:20pm & Wed. 3/18 8-8:50pm. Midgets (2000-1997)

For more information, email [southcoastpanthers@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastpanthers@gmail.com)

## Tiara 5K Reg

Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K. Dust off your tiara, cape or both and join us for the Women's Fund Tiara 5K Mothers Day Race.

Race will be on Mother's Day, May 10, with 9:00 AM Kids Fun Run (3 years to 12 years old), and 9:30 AM 5K Run and Walk, at Oxford Creamery, 98 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

Register online at [www.womensfundtiara5k.com](http://www.womensfundtiara5k.com)

For sponsorship info contact Traci Calabrese at 508-717-0283 or [tcabrese@womensfundsema.org](mailto:tcabrese@womensfundsema.org).

The Women's Fund Mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. We raise money to invest in programs that increase opportunities for women to earn a living wage. Visit <http://womensfundsema.org/> to learn more.

## Fall River Author

"A Guide to United States Army Basic Combat Training," a comprehensive guide for U.S. military aspirants by author Peter Wieden has been released nationwide.

"A Guide to United States Army Basic Combat Training" will help those who plan to join the U.S. Army by preparing and giving them the knowledge they will need before they ship to basic combat training.

This book will help readers know the things they need to memorize to impress the drill sergeants when they get there. They will have the ability to stand out as soldiers who care and who have the ability to be at the top with their knowledge and ability to know what to expect.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore), or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

As a 13-year veteran, Wieden has accomplished many things: three deployments to Iraq, lasting a year or more; earning an expert infantryman's badge and, recently, becoming a United States Army drill sergeant, which is where the inspiration for this book came from. Training anywhere from 60 to 240 soldiers on

many different tasks over a 10-week period proved to be a strenuous but extremely rewarding job.

## Rabies Clinic for Acushnet Residents

The Town of Acushnet announces the Annual Rabies Clinic will be held **Sunday, March 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Town Barn/ Recycling Center located at 700 Middle Rd., Acushnet.**

The One Year Rabies Vaccination will be administered by Dr. Gaumont & her staff of the Acushnet Animal Hospital for a fee of \$10.00 per animal. Also, on site, the Town Clerk's Office will be issuing Acushnet Dog owners the 2015 Dog Licenses. The final date of licensing for 2015 is Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Dog owners, who fail to license any dog (indoor and outdoor) by March 31st, will be subject to a \$25.00 citation and a late fee of \$10.00 for each dog. If attending the clinic, all dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers.

## Horticulture

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum hosts horticulture workshops, ongoing educational events, and landscape lectures.

**HORTICULTURE** On Wednesdays: Visitors can step into "Ask the Gardner" and talk to horticulture staff about the Museum's unusual plant collection on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: **March 11 and 25**

**ARTISTIC OPEN STUDIOS** On Saturdays: There are open studios for visitors to explore their own creative, artistic process every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In March, it's mixed media, inspired by Artist-in-Residence Nari Ward.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Boston MA 02115. Hours: Open daily from 11 am to 5 pm and Thursdays until 9 pm. Closed Tuesdays. Admission: Adults \$15; Seniors \$12; Students \$5; Free for members, children under 18, everyone on his/her birthday, and all named "Isabella." \$2 off admission with a same-day Museum of Fine Arts, Boston ticket. Info Line: 617.566.1401. Box Office: 617.278.5156. Visit

[www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org)

## Oxfam Banquet

Registration is now open for the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet®, an interactive event that will bring together the Boston community and teach guests about food distribution and hunger throughout the world. Celebrity chef and longtime supporter Aarti Sequeira, of the Food Network, will appear at the Hunger Banquet on behalf of Oxfam America.

Oxfam America is a Boston-based global relief and development organization. Oxfam America Hunger Banquets have helped people understand the reality of hunger for over 40 years at thousands of events attended by more 850,000 people around the country.

Before the event, guests draw tickets at random that assign each to a high-, middle-, or low-tier based on current statistics of people living in poverty. Each income tier receives a meal that corresponds to their income level. The high-income tier is served a sumptuous meal; the middle-income section eats a simpler meal of rice and beans; and the low-income tier receives rice and water.

The Oxfam America Hunger Banquet will be held on **Saturday, March 7 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Knafel Center, Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University, located at 18 Mason Street in Cambridge. The event is free and open to people of all ages. Donations are suggested and RSVPs are required in advance.**

To learn more about Oxfam America Hunger Banquets, visit [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org). To register to attend the event, visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). **Space is limited.**

Oxfam America is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, and injustice. We save lives, develop long-term solutions to poverty, and campaign for social change. As one of 17 members of the international Oxfam confederation, we work with people in more than 90 countries to create lasting solutions. To join our efforts or learn more, go to [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)

# Recipe of the Week

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Divide the strawberries among 4 wine /champagne glasses. Put 1 scoop of ice cream in each.

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Enjoy!! *Bevy Lussier*

# AG asking for LGBT testimonials

## Press Release

In an effort to demonstrate to the United States Supreme Court the wide range and extensive support marriage equality has received in Massachusetts, Attorney General Maura Healey is asking for testimonials from residents throughout the state.

The AG's Office will be filing a friend of the court brief in support of marriage equality in the cases before the Supreme Court that will decide whether state bans on same-sex marriage violate the Constitution.

"Marriage equality has made Massachusetts a stronger and more equal home for all our residents," AG Healey said. "We want to make that case directly to the court. I am hopeful that the justices are ready to choose equality."

Those interested in submitting testimonials, either in writing or by video, can contribute on the Attorney General's Facebook page at Facebook.com/MassAttorneyGeneral on Twitter, @MassAGO using the hashtag #MA4Equality; or by emailing to marriageequality@state.ma.us.

Some testimonials may be included in AG Healey's brief for the Supreme Court, **which is scheduled to be filed on March 6.**

In 2004, following the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court's decision in Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex couples to marry. Since that time, more than 20,000 same-sex couples have married in the Commonwealth.

In 2009, AG Healey led the Commonwealth's successful challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), arguing that the law discriminated against married Massachusetts couples and their children. In June 2013, the Supreme Court struck down DOMA as unconstitutional.

In April, the Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments on whether same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry everywhere in America. The justices will consider cases that ask them to overturn gay marriage bans in four states. The decision is expected in June. •••

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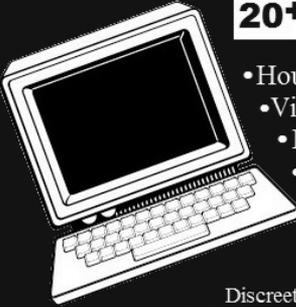
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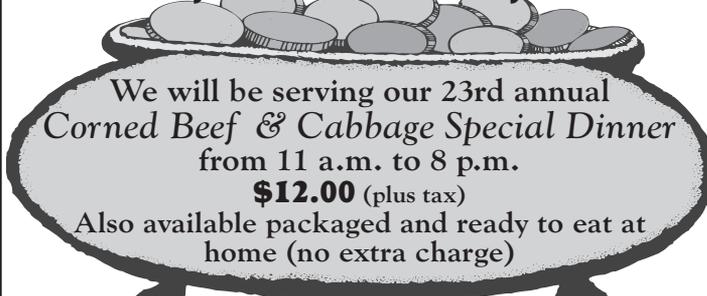
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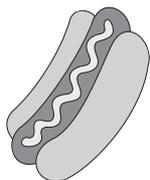
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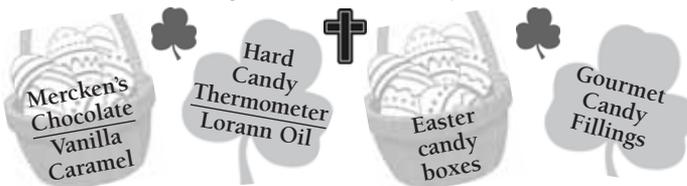
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# Breaking up is not so hard when you have the right help



ABOVE & BELOW RIGHT: USCG Cutter Katherine Walker breaks up the ice near Union Wharf in Fairhaven around the F/V Nadia Lee and the Steamship Authority Pier on Friday, 2/20. BELOW LEFT: Tug Jaguar's Captain Charlie Mitchell of Fairhaven worked with the USCG Cutter Katherine Walker to free up the ice-bound harbor. Photos by Jim Mahaney. See more of his photos at <http://jim-mahaney.smugmug.com/>



# Earl's Marina: It looks worse than it is.

By Beth David  
Editor

Dave Hebert, owner of Earl's Marina in Fairhaven said it looks worse than it is, not to worry, the marina will be fine. "It's nothing that can't be fixed, it's just wood and nails," he said. Mr. Hebert took over the marina from his father 15 years ago. He said the first year he had it, he left the docks in and it all froze over, loosening the piles. He said he has hauled the docks out every year since then, but he always felt that he

did not need to because we never got that much ice. Until this year. "If I knew we were going to have ice like this, I would've hauled the docks," he said. "They usually can stay in every year. How the heck did I know this was coming?"

"It looks worse than it is."

Mr. Hebert said that he had already ordered the pile driver for this season to re-dig some of the piles anyway.

He also said he has spent the last 10 years trying to get permits and licenses for many projects on the

property. The final paperwork was all approved last month, including permission for a wave attenuator, which will help protect the docks from heavy wave action.

"I'll never have to worry about storms again," said Mr. Hebert.

As for the ice, well, there's not much he can do about that.

"Whatever happens, here will be a marina there this year," he said. "It looks bad, but license-wise, it's the best it's ever been."



LEFT: The gas dock at Earl's Marina in Fairhaven is twisted from getting hung up on a wooden pile in the frozen cove. Several piles in the background are loosened from the ice and are leaning over. RIGHT: A pier is frozen in the ice. Photos by Beth David.

## Now that's the idea...



The residents of this house on Farmfield Street made good use of the snow banks around their property in this picture on 2/19. The region has experienced unusually high snowfalls, with two blizzards within three weeks of each other dumping nearly 40 inches on the region, and snowstorm after snowstorm coming so quickly there is no time to shovel the snow and nowhere to put it. Although the ground is covered in snow and ice, local stores have started to display spring planting products, although salt and other snow removal items are still in greater demand. Photos courtesy of Joyce Wilson.

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Friday, March 27th, 7:30pm, \$5 per child Ages 10 and under. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 24th**

## Open Gym Volleyball

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## Zumba Toning

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## Babysitting Class

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**Mar. 11:** Emerald Square Mall  
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Whole Foods  
**Mar. 25:** Seekonk Plaza and Swansea Mall

## Entertainment

**3/5: Ray • 3/12: J Rodd Trio • 3/19: Ray Jay  
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## Special Activities

### New Polling Locations

For the April 6th Election, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.)

**Precincts 1, 3, 5:** unchanged

**Precinct 2:** Hastings Middle School (formerly at Fairhaven High School)

**Precinct 4:** Fire Station (formerly at Hastings Middle School)

**Precinct 6:** Recreation Center (formerly at East Fairhaven School)

### Save the Date!

Jeff Dougan from the MA Office on Disability will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Monday March 16th at 1:00 p.m. to present an in-service on Emergency Preparedness. He will be distributing backpacks with emergency supplies to Fairhaven Seniors 60 and older who attend the in-service. Please call to reserve your seat, 508-979-4029

### Single Seniors

The Single Senior Supper Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for a nice meal and conversation. If you are a single senior 60 and over and would like to attend please call the Senior Center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

### Southcoast LGBT

The South Coast LGBT Seniors (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a nice meal and friendship for seniors 60 and older. Please call the senior center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

### Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a little quilting? Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise.

### Cops 'n Donuts

At the Fairhaven Senior Center with Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Office in Fairhaven. She has some important messages to share. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut of course. Call the Senior Center for the next date.

### Fit Quest Fairhaven

Fit Quest Fairhaven meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center for weight loss tips and healthy eating discussion. Just drop by to join the group.

## Ongoing Programs

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A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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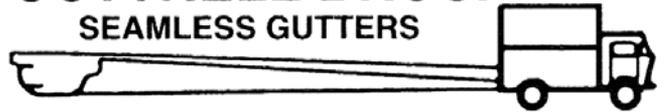
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# BPW approves plan for dog park on Long Road

By Kylie Schuster

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Board of Public Works held a meeting on Monday 2/23 to discuss details of the construction of the Fairhaven dog park, and to approve several payments.

Several members of the Fairhaven Dog Park Committee appeared before the board to go over some of the details of the park they hope to create.

Committee co-chairperson Laurel Traudt stated the land in question for the dog park is located behind the pond on Long road.

"The only potential problem with this area is that this is where brush is dumped," stated Ms. Traudt. But we are willing to work with the BPW to share this area."

Committee co-chairperson Carol Tyson explained the signs that will be posted around the park for liability and insurance reasons.

"These signs will have the dos and don'ts of the park posted for the visitors," explained Ms. Tyson.

BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia stated that the area in the

back of the pond would be a great spot.

Board member Brain Wotton agreed with Mr. Ristuccia, but added the suggestion of double-wide gates in the park's fence just in case trucks need to get to the brush dumping area.

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**Dogs need exercise, and this sounds like a great place for dogs to go and run [Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]**

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"Dogs need exercise, and this sounds like a great place for dogs to go and run," stated board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson.

Mr. Hobson made the motion in favor of the dog park, as long as the Dog Park Committee appeared before

the board again with a complete list of exactly what the posted signs would say and the building materials.

In another matter, the BPW discussed the 31 houses on Scoticut Neck Road that have not yet tied into the town sewer.

"This needs to be done soon," stated Board member Steven Riley.

He motioned to ask the Selectboard to use town counsel to use the legal process to get the houses tied in.

The board also approved the closeout documents for the Boston Hill Water Tank project, and approved the final payment for the Shore Drive Parking Lot reconstruction.

Mr. Wotton thanked the town employees that plowed the streets after the snow storm.

"Fairhaven has been great with plowing," he stated. "The roads are fantastic."

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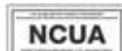


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**SELECT:** cont'd from page 4 expenditures" at the WWTP soon.

"You can't put those things off forever," said Mr. Osuch. "This is the next big ticket [item]."

While on the subject the board and DPW officials also discussed the looming specter of the discharge permit from the Environmental Protection Agency. The new levels could be impossible to achieve, even with a new WWTP. The department cannot really do anything in the way of refurbishing the plant until they know what the nitrogen level limits will be. The town has been waiting for a report by UMassDartmouth, which details where the nitrogen problems are, from which towns, from septic, from treatment plants, etc.

Mr. Osuch said that UMass got paid "megabucks" from both state and federal agencies to do studies up and down the coast of Buzzards Bay, but did not deliver.

"We're still waiting for that data," said Mr. Osuch. "It's shameful what's gone on."

He said the EPA needs to address the issues of the entire harbor, and not just the treatment plant in Fairhaven.

"You're not [going to] get the end results people expect unless you address both sides of the river," said Mr. Osuch.

The board did not vote on the DPW budget, either. They will have a separate budget meeting on 2/27.

While the DPW had the spotlight, Board of Public Works chairperson Michael Ristuccia asked the Selectboard to clarify how much more it would cost taxpayers to have a town administrator if the BPW were eliminated.

Mr. Osuch explained that the associated costs, or indirect costs, that would be paid by the sewer and water department enterprise funds

would be negligible.

Mr. Ristuccia, however, focused on the salary of the new Town Administrator, to clarify that he or she would have to make more money if the duties of the BPW were included in the job description.

"How much," asked Mr. Ristuccia. "It depends on who applies," answered Mr. Espindola.

In a follow-up phone call, Mr. Ristuccia said his point was not how much time the TA would spend on

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BPW business, but that if the BPW is eliminated, the pay would be commensurate with those extra duties, regardless of how much time was actually spent on BPW business. Either way, he said, it will cost the taxpayers more money to eliminate the BPW.

In their last appointment for the night, the board also met with Mr. Furtado and Town Hall custodian Frank Fostin. Mr. Fostin has had a tough time keeping up with the extraordinary snow we have had this year.

The board asked Mr. Furtado

if the DPW could help out with clearing sidewalks around town hall.

While Mr. Fostin was out there with his snowblower, trying to muscle his way through the drifts, Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth happened to go by on his way to provide snow removal for a private client. He stopped to help.

"There was a need for equipment," said Mr. Haworth.

Mr. Furtado said he could help out when the situation warrants.

In other business the board:

- Announced that the Staffon property was sold at auction and should net the town around \$380,000 after expenses. The board had previously indicated it would put that money into the new capital planning stabilization fund that will be requested at town meeting.
- Gave approval for ONE Theater Group to use the town hall auditorium for a production of "Alice in Wonderland" on April 23-26.
- Took no action on a request by Our Lady's Haven to use the Rogers School for parking during snowstorms. Mr. Osuch said the facility never sent the letter with the specifics of the request.

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### Press Release

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"The Registry is pleased that we have reached 30,000 veterans across the Commonwealth," said Registrar Blue. "When we reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans, we are proud to join our colleagues across government to raise awareness and to make sure our men and women are receiving all the benefits afforded to them."

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But on July 21, a text to one of her friends is a bit different: "And I just got off the phone with Conrad's mom about 20 mins ago and she told me that detectives had to come and go thru his things and stuff. Its [sic] something they have to do with suicides and homicides. And she said they have to go thru his phone and see if anyone encouraged him to do it in texts and stuff...they read my messages with him I'm done. His family will hate me and I could go to jail."

In conclusion, Fairhaven Det. Scott Gordon writes: "Not only did Conrad tell Carter in several of his texts prior to his death that he was scared and didn't want to leave his family, she continued to encourage him to take his own life, and when he actually started to carry out the act, he got scared again and exited his truck, but instead of telling him to stay out of the truck...Carter told him to 'get back in.'"

Ms. Carter was indicted by the grand jury on 2/5 and arraigned on 2/6. She is charged with Manslaughter Involving Neglect of Legal Duty. A pre-trial hearing is set for April 17.

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# Acushnet hoping to update wastewater plan

Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Acushnet Selectboard reviewed an update of a grant application by a water resources planning management firm for the town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan on Monday 2/23.

The three-phase study, according to Rosemary Blacquier, client manager at Woodard and Curran, will cost the town an estimated \$375,000, which includes an update of the town's 2001 wastewater management plan and draft and final environmental impact reports.

Ms. Blacquier said the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) identifies areas in town that have difficulty in maintaining septic systems, which she stated is a reason to move forward in updating the plan.

"Acushnet is a small piece of the Massachusetts Estuaries Program that studies nitrogen loadings from septic systems," said Ms. Blacquier.

The Acushnet River and the town's groundwater discharge and wastewater empty into New Bedford Harbor.

The first milestone of securing

funds for the CWMP is approving the plan at a town meeting no later than June 30 of this year, according to Ms. Blacquier.

The board decided to table the issue, but not before board member David Wojnar said he would like to add other firms into the mix and see what other offers are out there that might be lower than the \$375,000 price tag.

In another matter, Town Administrator Alan Coutinho presented and reviewed to the board line items of the town's FY16 budget. The Selectboard decided to hold only the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) budget for discussion, as Mr. Gaspar noted the department is often inconsistently reimbursed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) money.

"It is unfortunate these guys are out there and are the only ones not getting paid," said Chairperson Kevin Gaspar. "Everyone else gets time-and-a-half to be out there during storm-related services except these guys."

Mr. Gaspar recommended adding a line item to the budget to pay EMA

personnel at least \$10 per hour.

Mr. Coutinho said in order to pay EMA personnel they would have to be registered as town employees.

The board agreed to add \$1,000 to the EMA budget.

Acushnet police chief Michael Alves approached the board to recommend sending out an agreement for towing companies the department uses, to require a certain level of behavior and standards for treatment of car owners. He also asked the board to approve placing "no parking" signs on the hydrant side of Jean Street. The board approved both requests.

The board set the annual town meeting date for June 1 of this year. Articles to be included on the warrant would need to be submitted no later than April 29.

Mr. Gaspar read two letters commending the Department of Public Works on their efforts in keeping streets safe and clear during the recent spell of snowstorms. The board placed the letters on file.

In other DPW matters, Mr.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Special Permit Application*: 1) The applicant, *Coastal Compassion, Inc.*, is requesting a Special Permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Facility located at 2 Pequod Road, Map 36, Lot 14.

A copy of the application is on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

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### Board of Health

Mon, 3/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Dog Park Committee

Mon., 3/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/26, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 3/11 FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Fri., 2/27, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Mon., 3/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Finance Committee

Wed., 3/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Library Trustees

Fri., 3/6, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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*Nelson Mandela*

## ACUSH: cont'd from page 20

Coutinho read a water/sewer report, telling the board that this is the first time in awhile that water fees are being used to replace water meters throughout the town.

“Under the board’s guidance of the last six months, we accomplished an incredible amount in such a short time,” said Mr. Coutinho, referring to the the Selectboard taking over the duties of the Board of Public Works after a recall and vote at the 10/9/13 special Town Meeting. “We spent an awful lot of time to get everything organized and get things running right.”

“I think we are on track to correct a lot of the problems in the DPW,” said Mr. Gaspar.

In other business the board:

- Unanimously approved the ninth annual Patriot Half Marathon to be held on June 20, 2015 between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when several streets and roads throughout the town will be closed to traffic for the event.
- Unanimously approved a request by the Acushnet School Teachers Association to have a town camera operator video record a Slam-tastic fundraiser on March 10, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech.
- Unanimously approved snow removal invoices totaling \$42,234.80, which is for salaries, salt/sand, etc. It brings the town’s snow removal deficit to \$100,348
- Unanimously awarded a contract to Cape Cod Builders for the Marie S. Howard Library plaster and drywall project with a low bid of \$17,323.
- Filed an update of the Energy Aggregation Plan until it has been reviewed and approved by town council.
- Appointed Mr. Wojnar to represent the board in contract negotiations with the Firefighter and Laborer unions
- Voted unanimously to allow Jason’s Variety to open at 10 a.m. on Sundays.
- Approved a \$600 Reserve Fund transfer to the Finance Department’s budget for training.

## From our readers

### Response from Fairhaven Excavating

Editor's note: Robert "Robbie"

Roderiques from Fairhaven Excavating responded by phone to last week's letter. Here are some quotes from that conversation with Editor Beth David.

Mr. Roderiques said he was the one to speak with Ms. Vilandry about her shoveled sidewalk getting filled in with snow after his trucks cleared Route 6. He said it was a front loader that was used because the plows could not push that much snow.

"Her argument is with the state. I had a state guy behind me the whole time. This was an epic storm. I apologized to her. She wanted me to go on the sidewalk with the machine. She was being unrealistic with what she wanted done.

"I told her you need to call the state of Massachusetts. I can't go plowing every single person's driveway and sidewalk. There's nothing you can do about it.

"The same thing happens everywhere in town.

"You know how it is, you shovel

your driveway and then the plow comes and pushes snow in front of it. It's the same thing.

"The state should take it away, sure, but the budgets are blown out. I told her if you call the state they might send someone down to take it away, but I'm not paid for that. I'm supposed to take it off the road and put it on the sidewalk. If the state had given me a dump truck I would've hauled it away.

"Unfortunately, she's one of the people who got up early in the morning and shoveled her sidewalk first, before we got there.

"I feel bad for her. I can't go on the sidewalk with the machine and move it to the neighbor's yard.

"It's a blizzard. It was completely out of control!"

"I feel for the lady, I know she takes care of her property.

"If you go down Route 6 from Mattapoisett to the Fairhaven line you will see it's all the same.

"If the state doesn't want to send trucks to haul the snow out, there's nothing I can do. Her argument is with the state. It's not up to me.

"We spent 50 hours on the state roads doing the same things. Every loader that's hired does the same thing. She's the only one who complained."

### Thanks for the snow help

I'd like to thank all the thoughtful people who helped me during the snowstorms, the people who plowed me out, shoveled me out and pushed my car off the snowpile.

Thanks to the two DPW guys who took the time to plow out the street end of my blocked driveway and to my neighbor Peter who shoveled the end of my driveway. Thank you to the two men in a truck who pushed me — at the request of Devin — after my little car ended up on top of a pile of snow, front wheels spinning; and to my sister, the editor of this paper, who valiantly tried to push me off the pile; and to Devin's grandfather, who graciously stopped when he saw that I was stuck.

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