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Yum, that's good! The big Holly Tree Feed



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Last week was the annual big holly tree feed at *Neighb News* headquarters on West Island. The birds, mostly robins, descended upon the big holly tree and devoured the berries. Scores of birds filled the tree from morning until dusk, and succeeded in stripping the giant holly bare. LEFT: This little guy absolutely gorged himself, only stopping for a few seconds to chirp out a quick song between bites last Wednesday, 2/1. RIGHT: Before and after. See page 12 for more photos. Photo by Beth David.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

How 'bout those Patriots!
How cool WAS that?

Yes, I watched it. I watched the commercials, too. Yes, I should've been working on Tuesday instead of watching the "rolling rally," but...who could resist? Not me, surely not me.

Our own Charlie Murphy went to the rally (see page 13). And our own Mary Macedo went, too. Mary wrote a nice piece about the crowd, the day, the fans, the players. See that on page 3. It was snowy out there, but Boston fans don't let a little weather stop 'em, right?

As I write this, though, we're anticipating a doozy of a storm by the time this paper hits the streets.

We're gonna get SOCKED!

So, I hope you got stocked up on your milk and eggs and bread and booze (yeah, I said that). I hope you covered your wood pile (I'll get to it, really); have a decent pile of kindling all ready to go, and remember to bring the shovel into the house.

Okay....that was my to-do list. I'm hitting two birds with one stone here.

Speaking of birds....

Our cover this week is the annual holly tree feed. Ah, what a spectacle it is each year.

There must've been 30 or 40 birds in that tree all day. It's a large and glorious tree in my yard, truly a sacred trust. Most years it is loaded with berries. This year it had a very healthy batch. Usually, sometime in late January or early February, the birds descend on it to eat 'em up.

It's kind of a cool little trick of nature. Only the small birds can eat the berries. Larger birds get poisoned by them. Go figure.

Imagine you're a bird and it's winter and all the blueberries and raspberries and blackberries have been gone for months and won't be around again for months. And then you spot it: The huge holly with bright red berries. Those berries must look like a feast.

This year I was paying close attention, just waiting for it.

First, the Cooper Hawks were hanging around waiting for the little birds. Then the hawks left because the onslaught didn't happen.

Then the robins, and a few bluejays and cardinals, were kind of hovering around for a few days. I'd see the branches bouncing around, grab my camera and wait. But, it seemed that it was just the birds testing, waiting.

Then, it happened.

Suddenly there were birds all over the tree, on every branch, just gobbling up every single berry.

They worked at it all day, but by dusk, there was nothing. I mean NOTHING left. Not a berry in sight, even on the ground.

It's a wonder to behold, and I know I'm privileged to be able to witness it. So, of course, I tried to share it with my readers. See page 12 for a few pictures.

There's other stuff in here, but you'll have to thumb through to find it. I'm at the end of column. Until next week then... happy shoveling!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Rain or Shine, Patriots Nation Shows Pride

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

Hail, sleet, rain, or snow...nothing could stop Patriots Fans from standing outside on the streets of Boston chanting as the players rode by on the duck boats celebrating their Super Bowl Victory!

After one of the most record-breaking Super Bowls in history, this year's Rolling Rally seemed too monumental for fans to pass up on. And for the first time, I decided to be one of those fans.

With three layers of clothes, multiple pairs of socks and gloves, I felt prepared to stand on the streets of Boston for hours awaiting the arrival of our champions. But what I was not prepared for was the amount of fans that would fill every empty space in Boston.

I expected massive crowds of overly excited people chanting "TB 12!" but seeing it all in person and being in the middle of such energized surroundings, it is something you cannot prepare your body for.

The party started the minute I arrived at the Lakeville T station.

Packs of fans all ran towards the boarding train, loaded with Patriots gear from head to toe. There was not a single seat left on the train once we left the station.



Neighb News correspondent Mary Macedo (left) and Erica Gomes pose for a selfie on the train after the rolling rally in Boston. Photo by Mary Macedo.

And once we hit the second stop in Bridgewater and herds of college students boarded the train, it was full

to capacity, not even an empty space to stand. People stood up against each other, holding onto one another for balance.

The rest of the T ride consisted of the entire train erupting in "Brady" chants, as well as a few other profane chants that I won't repeat.

As we approached South Station, the energy only intensified. Fans ran off the T at a sprint with snowball sized flakes of snow hitting everyone as they ran through the streets of Boston to find a good spot to view their favorite Patriots players.

I stood on the sidewalk of Tremont Street near Boston Common from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Having arrived there two hours before the parade even started I was still pretty far back from the street. On the train ride home I heard a fan say that most people who were in the front of the crowd arrived as early as 5 a.m.

Despite standing in the cold mix of rain and snow for almost three hours waiting for the first duck boat in our area, fans surrounding me were

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Selectboard holds boat fees; picks mural for Rogers School

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard showed its support for the New England Patriots and their Superbowl win this week. Or, at least, they showed the spirit of Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy, whose love of the Patriots is often worn on his sleeve...literally.

Mr. Murphy convinced his fellow board members, Town Administrator Mark Rees, and Assistant to the TA Anne O'Brien to wear Patriots jerseys at their meeting on Monday, 2/6, to celebrate the Patriots' Superbowl win the day before.

In Selectboard business, the town decided to hold off on increasing the fees at Union Wharf until next year because construction is not finished.

Harbormaster Tim Cox told the board that the electric service and lighting have not been completed, and he had other work, such as adding a couple of ladders, that also needed to be completed.

He said that he has been looking into fees in surrounding towns and that he will be recommending an increase for next year.

In a related matter, the board approved a change order for around

\$19,000 for the contractors at Union Wharf to reconfigure the electric service was installed. It should be set up with individual meters that will be billed to individual boat owners, but was originally installed with one meter to the town.

The overhaul of the town-owned wharf has been underway for more than a year with grant money and town matching funds.

The board also discussed the possibility of upgrading the surveillance camera system on Union Wharf.

In another matter, the board voted to support a public art project that would cover up the increasingly unsightly damage to the Rogers School Building.

Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth told the board that he has been looking for ways to increase public art in Fairhaven. At the same time, he is in charge of keeping an eye on the Rogers School building which is a favorite target for vandals.

The glass block panels need to be covered up because vandals have used the blocks as target practice for "anything that will break" a 12x12 glass block, he said.

Covering up the 6-foot wide by 8-foot deep panels with plywood will "just add insult to injury," said Mr. Roth.

But plywood is necessary to protect the building, so he approached the art department at the high school to come up with a mural design to be painted onto the plywood.

The high school and middle school came up with a few designs and Mr. Roth showed them to the board to choose from.

"My goal as Planning Director is to look at public art," said Mr. Roth.

All three board members voiced support for the public art idea.

Board member Bob Espindola noted that New Bedford has some "incredible murals" that are beautiful in the city.

"It's better than broken windows or plywood," he said.

The four designs included two with boats, one with the West Island tower; one with four pictures of Henry Huttleston Rogers, who donated the building to the town; and one of the Rogers School building in "van Gogh" style.

"I know which one I like," said Mr. Roth, but did not give it away.

"They're all fantastic," said Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, adding he would be "perfectly happy" with any one of the designs.

The board chose the van Gogh, but Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said he really wanted to use the other designs somewhere.

Mr. Roth said he was looking to have public art throughout town, but for the Rogers building, he only had enough money to cover the one side.

The board also approved a photo for the 2016 Annual Report, choosing the human peace sign created by Wood School students for Kindness Week. The school submitted the photo.

The board discussed the placement of the photo, though, since it has to wrap around the cover from front to back. The board decided to

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L-R: Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees, Selectboard member Daniel Freitas, Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy, Selectboard member Bob Espindola, and Assistant to the TA Anne O'Brien sport Patriots Jerseys at the meeting on Monday, 2/6, to celebrate the Patriots' Superbowl win on Sunday. Photo by Beth David.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

VFW dance

At the VFW Fairhaven. See ad on back cover.

HHR Lecture

Fairhaven Historical Society presents: **Henry H. Rogers Lecture, Fri., 2/10, 7 p.m., Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven**

Guest speaker Christopher Richard will talk about the life and times of Fairhaven's benefactor Henry H. Rogers, a town native who struck it rich in the petroleum industry and became a top executive of Standard Oil. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Historical Society, Inc. Accessible. Donation requested. For more information, call Ricky Goytizolo at 508-991-5675.

Softball Registration

The South Coast Girls Softball League is holding registration on **Saturday February 11th from 3pm-5pm, and on Wednesday March 3rd from 6pm-8pm at the Fairhaven Rec Center.** Draft Day will be held on Friday March 3rd at 6:30 pm also at the Fairhaven Rec Center. For further information, please check the website www.southcoastsoftball.com or find us on Facebook.

Any questions should be directed to southcoastsoftball@gmail.com

Autism presentation

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability will host two speakers at 7 p.m. at the **Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, on Wed., 2/15.** Contact, Donna Maino Lavallee at 774-634-8374.

Speakers from Community Autism Resources will provide information on the GAP-BCC program and other resources for adults 18+ on the autism spectrum. Presentation will be led by Kate Dansereau. Mary Fox, Autism Specialist for adults, will be talking about the services she can provide to adults with ASD and their families, as well as talking about our new Northern Office of Community Autism Resources.

At the conclusion of the presentation, any questions will be addressed by the speakers and the

Fairhaven Commission.

The Gottschall Access Program offers adults on the autism spectrum a unique opportunity to enhance their life, vocational and social skills which will enable them to participate in internships, and then eventually the pursuit of gainful employment. The program is held on the Fall River campus of Bristol Community College. Students will enroll in a 3-year program of specially designed courses and have full student access on the college campus.

Be a Foster Parent

Please come learn more about foster parenting at on **Mon., 2/13, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Consider doing something that will matter forever. Become a foster parent. Learn about foster parenting and adopting from foster care. The Mass. Department of Children & Families serves children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, from every community, who need a home. You can be single, married, partnered, divorced, or widowed. You can rent or own a home. Time spent with you in a stable and secure environment gives a child a chance to heal. The rewards of providing daily care, guidance and acceptance to a child are immeasurable.

Contact Mass. DCF at 800-KIDS-508, mass.gov/def.

Volleyball

Every Sunday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center. Fairhaven town employees, family and friends of all ages welcome! For more information, call Phil, 508-993-6978.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for candidates interested in running for office in Fairhaven. The annual town election will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017. The last day for requesting nomination papers is Thurs., 2/9, at 5 p.m. The last day for Town Meeting incumbents to file written requests for re-election is Mon., 2/6, at 5 p.m. The last day to file all nomination papers with the Town Clerk's Office is Mon., 2/13, at 5 p.m.

The last day for residents to register to vote in the town election is

Tues., 3/14.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures. Papers for Town Meeting Members require 10 certified signatures.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM - Monday through Friday Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

Open Burning

Open burning season begins January 15 and lasts through May 1. You must go to the Fairhaven Fire station, sign up and obtain regulations prior to any open burn.

SAVE THE DATES!

West Island 5K

5K Run/Walk, Sun., 4/30, at 11:00 a.m., 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Visit <http://westisland5k.org/5k-runwalk/> for details.

Foxwoods Trip

The Fairhaven Village Militia is once again running a bus trip in March to Foxwoods Resort Casino as a fundraiser.

The Foxwoods trip will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The bus will leave the Fairhaven Kmart parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will travel straight through to the casino. The return trip will leave Foxwoods at 6:00 p.m. **Tickets are \$30 each** and include the bus ride, a voucher for a free meal or buffet, and \$20 for slots play. (Only adults are eligible for the vouchers.) The militia will hold some raffles on the bus during the trip.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566 or by visiting Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, Inc. is a non-profit organization and uses the funds raised by this trip to support its programs during the year, including the spring and fall historical encampments at Fort Phoenix, participation in the Fairhaven Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades, the Fort Phoenix Fourth of July Ceremony, and other activities in southeastern Massachusetts.

The many faces of the DAV



The Fairhaven Senior Center hosted the Disabled American Veterans Dr. C.E. Bert Chapter 7, New Bedford on Saturday, 2/4, for pancake breakfast before their monthly meeting. Fairhaven Council on Aging Executive Director Anne Silvia donated the venue for the DAV and even whipped up the pancakes herself. The chapter is located at 19 Willis St., New Bedford, and helps veterans get the benefits their service has earned them. They meet the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 508-992-3766. *Photos this page by Beth David.*

NFIA donates fire extinguisher to Scouts



On January 20, 2017 John Medeiros from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association presented Scoutmaster, Bob Dorgan, with a donation of a fire extinguisher for the Troop 52's newly acquired trailer. The equipment trailer travels to camp and other Scouting events. Remember, "Be Prepared" is the Scout motto.

LEFT, L-R: Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Eagan Cabral, Scoutmaster Bob Dorgan, John Medeiros of the NFIA, Senior Patrol Leader Alex Sylvania.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Frederick Douglass Readathon

Sun., 2/12, from 2-6 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 71 8th St., New Bedford. The Seamen's Bethel will support the 17th Annual Frederick Douglass Community Read-a-thon sponsored by the New Bedford Historical Society. Rev. Taylor will join other community residents, leaders, historians and book enthusiasts in reading excerpts from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. The 1845 memoir and treatise on abolition written by famous orator and former slave Frederick Douglass.

Fee and open to the public. For more information contact the church office at (508) 997-2410 or Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor, at (323) 509-8706.

NB RMV Moved

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that on Monday, 2/6, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles New Bedford Service Center will open its new location in New Bedford which features a customer-friendly design with a larger seating area, hundreds of public parking spaces and is fully accessible.

The address of the new Service Center location is 212 Theodore H. Rice Blvd, New Bedford Industrial Park, New Bedford, MA 02740

The Service Center's hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm; Thursday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

The new Service Center at 212 Theodore H. Rice Boulevard is larger, (a total of 9,024 square feet) than the Union Street location and will have approximately 330 shared public parking spaces. There will be nine (9) upgraded workstations for the public seeking to conduct specific transactions and there will be two (2) registration-only workstations.

For more Registry information, visit www.MassRMV.com and for the latest Registry updates and information, follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

Photo Exhibit

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the opening of **The Working Waterfront**

Photography of Peter Pereira. An opening reception will take place on Thurs., 2/9, at 6:00 p.m. during AHA. The exhibit will run until April 2, 2017.

An award-winning photojournalist, Peter has spent years documenting the New Bedford fishing community. This exhibit provides a look at those who work on the waterfront, both on shore and at sea. From preparing their vessel for a fishing trip to the off loading of the catch upon their return, his photographs capture the work of those who make their living from the ocean.

This event is **free and open to the public.** The Center is located at **38 Bethel Street in New Bedford's historic downtown** and is handicap accessible through the parking lot entrance. Free off-street parking available.

Email info@fishingheritagecenter.org or call 508-993-8894.

Spaghetti Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, annual Spaghetti Supper and Raffle. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverage

Sat., 2/11, at 6:00pm, at Pilgrim Church Home, corner Purchase & School Sts., N.B. Donation: Adults \$10; Children \$5.

Proceeds benefit church's Holiday Meals Program for neighbors in need
Reservations: 508-996-1498 or 508-993-3407

Feb Vacation

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches is inviting New Bedford students to enroll in **February Staycation Fun Week:** a week of engaging activities at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center during school vacation week. February Staycation Fun Week runs 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M., Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 24, 2017. **The enrollment fee for the program is \$120 for New Bedford residents or \$160 for non-residents.** Throughout the week, students will participate in engaging educational and recreational activities. A morning snack and lunch will be provided daily.

Interested parents may register their children at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Parents may also reserve a

seat for their child by visiting the City of New Bedford website and completing a registration form on the Parks, Recreation & Beaches page under the "Programs" tab. If registering two children at once, a sibling discount is available at \$50.00 for the second child's enrollment.

For more information regarding the February Staycation Fun Week, spring registration or other programming, please contact the Andrea McCoy Recreation Manager, Dave Ponte at david.ponte@newbedford-ma.gov or call (508) 991-3015.

Love Your Heart

Communities across New Bedford will be joining a growing national movement on **February 12th**, urging all to "Love Your Heart." The one-day, city-wide event provides an opportunity for residents to "know their numbers" and learn more about their heart health.

Originally started by the County of San Diego in California, the event has grown, primarily across the West Coast and South into Mexico. Now, in partnership with Live Well San Diego and LoveYourHeartSD, New Bedford marks the first location in the East Coast to fully implement and join the event. **On Sun., 2/12, the event will offer free blood pressure screenings at more than a dozen locations across the city.**

Love Your Heart NB engages various community partners in health-care, the fire and police community, universities, city government, non-profits, and the business community. The event will take place on **Sunday February 12th from 8am-4pm at participating sites. All locations can be found at www.nbewell.com.**

State of City Address

State of the City Luncheon, Thurs., 3/9, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School, Field House, 1121 Ashley Blvd., NB. \$50 per person

Nearly 500 business, community, media, and political leaders are expected to attend this luncheon program. For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to register for the event contact Deven Tillman, Programs and Events Manager 508-999 5231 ext. 26 or dillman@newbedfordchamber.com

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will meet in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett on **Thurs., 2/16. Our members begin gathering after 11:30 a.m. to socialize, followed by a noontime luncheon.** Our guest speaker is Elizabeth Leidhold who is the Director and Board Chairman of the Marion Natural History Museum and the Conservation Agent for the Town of Mattapoisett. Ms. Leidhold will discuss natural history and local coastal environment and our community's relationship and impact on it. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please let one of our members or contact Karen Gardner at 774-377-5810.

Benefit Concert

The Take This Child to Heart fundraising event raises thousands of dollars each year to support after school and summer enrichment activities for children and teens in foster care.

Celebrate Valentine's Day a few days early with an evening of Jazz, Rhythm & Blues at this year's Take This Child to Heart fundraiser. **On Sat., 2/11, from 8pm - midnight, over 350 guests will fill the Century House to enjoy a night of great music and food while supporting the Take This Child to Heart Fund.**

The Take This Child to Heart Fund is administered by United Way of Greater New Bedford and supports enrichment activities for children and teens in foster care. To date, the event has raised over \$100,000 to awards foster children and teens scholarships to participate in activities such as sports programs, summer camp and music lessons.

This year's event is being produced by Jackie Santos, who will also be performing with the A-List, and will feature Wannetta Jackson, Stan Strickland, Keith Robinson, and DJ Lady K. These musicians have entertained crowds around the country and are sure to please.

Take This Child to Heart will also feature a wine pull, along with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. **Tickets for the event are \$50 each** and can be purchased at Celia's Boutique or Worley Beds Factory

Outlet, online at <https://unitedwayofgnb.org/take-this-child-to-heart/> or by contacting New Bedford Community Connections Coalition at 508-994-9625, x219.

Book Sale

Books for your Valentine. The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library are showing the love to teachers and students at their **Second Saturday Book Sale, February 11, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, downstairs at the library, 7 Barstow Street.** This month's offer is ten free items - books, CDs, and DVDs - to any student or teacher if they show their school identification. It's the Friends' small way to say "thank you" to students and teachers while promoting the library. This offer is for February only, so stop in to browse for some great deals.

Firefighters' Ball

The 2nd annual for all public safety An event to benefit public safety scholarship and community. An event for Firefighters/Police/EMS and public safety of Fairhaven and for surrounding communities, current and retirees, friends and family.

Sat., 3/4, at the Century House, Acushnet. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Tickets, \$40. Uniform Class A or black tie. Dancing, raffles, having fun with fund-raising.

Dem Committee

President Trump has pledged to enact policies that will affect our human rights such as a woman's right to make choices about her own body, or a gay man's right to chose whom he wants to marry.

With the existing Republican Congress, many changes could happen unless people forcefully speak out against the actions and policies that are being proposed by President Trump.

Why not begin to reject President's Trump's actions by gathering with the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee, **Saturday February 11 from 10:30-12:00 at the Friends Meeting House Community Building, 103 Marion Rd (RT 6)**

The meeting is open to all and will concentrate on specific ways individuals and groups can make

their voices heard.

For more information contact: mattdemtc@gmail.com

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The daylong event at Bristol County Agricultural High School, 135 Center St., Dighton, is Sunday, Feb. 26, featuring dozens of experts leading workshops in food-related topics - from beekeeping, soil stewardship and pest control to hydroponics, backyard organic farming and breeding goats.

Visit SEMAPonline.org for details.

Recipe of the Week

Fish Cakes

- 1/2 pound haddock
- 2 1/2 cups diced potatoes
- 1 large egg, well beaten
- 1/2 tbsp butter
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- Bread crumbs

Wash fish and cut into pieces. Cook fish with potatoes until they are soft, drain well.

In same pan, mash potatoes and fish until dry. Add butter, egg, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Refrigerate overnight.

Shape into cakes, roll in bread crumbs and fry until lightly brown.

By Karen Reece

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Bristol County DA supports three bills

Press Release

Working in concert with State Representatives Christopher Markey and Antonio Cabral, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced the filing of three new pieces of legislation aimed at fighting the ongoing opiate abuse crisis, cracking down on reckless driving and creating a new criminal statute for leaving the scene of automobile crashes that result in serious bodily injury.

Rep. Chris Markey recently filed House Bill 3407 on District Attorney Quinn's behalf to specifically add trafficking in Fentanyl to the list of crimes for which prosecutors can move to hold a defendant for up to 120 days without bail under the state's dangerousness statute.

"There is no doubt that Fentanyl has led to the increase in opiate-related overdose deaths. Clearly, trafficking in Fentanyl presents a danger to the community," said District Attorney Quinn. "Our office should be able to ask the court, when warranted, to hold someone trafficking Fentanyl as a danger to the public. Right now there is no legal authority for us to make this request. This must be amended."

Rep. Markey said he believes this piece of legislation is a "common sense solution to a major problem."

"Drug dealers are intentionally mixing Fentanyl with illicit drugs, which make them far more potent and increasingly more fatal as a result. The callous actions of these drug dealers have directly contributed to the loss of thousands of lives across the state and adversely impacts entire neighborhoods and families," Rep. Markey said.

Rep. Markey also recently filed House Bill 3423 after consultation with DA Quinn. The legislation changes the crime of reckless operation of a motor vehicle by making it a felony punishable based on the severity of the harm. The bill will create three levels of harm.

- A. Reckless operation — no injury to another, 5 years in the state prison maximum sentence if it is a Superior Court (SC) case, or 2 1/2 year in the House of Corrections (HoC) maximum sentence if it is a District Court case.
- B. Reckless operation — serious bodily injury, 10 years in the state prison maximum sentence if it is an SC case, or 2 1/2 years maximum in the HoC for a District Court case.
- C. Reckless operation — resulting in death, 20 years in state prison maximum sentence.

"Reckless operation of a motor vehicle is a serious crime that endangers lives and the safety of people on the roadways every day. This dangerous conduct must be treated as such," DA Quinn asserted. "That is why I proposed this bill to make reckless driving a felony with increased punishments, particularly when motor vehicle fatalities occur as a result of reckless operation of a motor vehicle. This is much more serious than a simple motor vehicle accident."

Rep. Cabral recently filed House Bill 3275, which creates a new criminal statute for leaving the scene of serious bodily injury. The proposed new crime would carry a five year maximum state prison term for an SC case or 2.5 years maximum in the HoC term for a district court case.

"I look forward to working with DA Quinn to advance this bill through the legislative process," said Rep. Cabral. "The bill will prevent this behavior and provide much-needed justice for the victims of these crimes."

There is currently no statute that covers leaving the scene of a crash causing serious bodily injury in Massachusetts. It is only punishable under the general leaving the scene of an accident criminal statute with a maximum punishment of two years in the house of correction.

"In almost every collision, a driver knows they have potentially caused injury to someone, whether they be a pedestrian or the operator of the other motor vehicle. Generally speaking, people leave the scene of car crashes after they have been drinking alcohol," said DA Quinn. "This amendment falls in line with the law relating to leaving the scene of an accident with death resulting."

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Annual Holly Tree Feed



Last week was the annual big holly tree feed at *Neighb News* headquarters on West Island. The birds, mostly robins, descended upon the big holly tree and devoured the berries. Scores of birds filled the tree from morning until dusk on Wednesday, February 1, and succeeded in stripping the giant holly bare. *Photos by Beth David.*

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use the peace sign photo on the front, and to look for a photo from East Fairhaven School from Kindness Week for the back. Mr. Rees and Ms. O'Brien will work on that project.

The Dussaults finally got their licenses renewed to continue selling cars and repairing cars at the Spring Street garage. After months and months of wrangling with the board and various accusations of unpaid taxes, lack of adherence to agreements, and other setbacks, the board agreed to allow the garage to operate.

Nichole Dussault, whose parents, Dick and Carol, own the garage, personally promised to pay the \$1,010.10 each month agreed upon by her parents.

The Dussaults own back taxes and current year taxes, but have complained that the town is not letting them make an income to pay the fees imposed on them.

Mr. Rees took over negotiations with the Dussaults and recommended that the board approve the licenses.

Mr. Freitas said he had a "rapport"

with the Dussaults and would help negotiate a final agreement and get them "back on schedule" with the payments.

Nicole Dussault told the board that she had moved back to Fairhaven to help with the situation, but continued to work full time in Boston. Because of the move, she said, she is able to afford the payments if necessary.

Carol Dussault told the board that she was "very optimistic" that they could finally move forward.

"I'm so encouraged," she said.

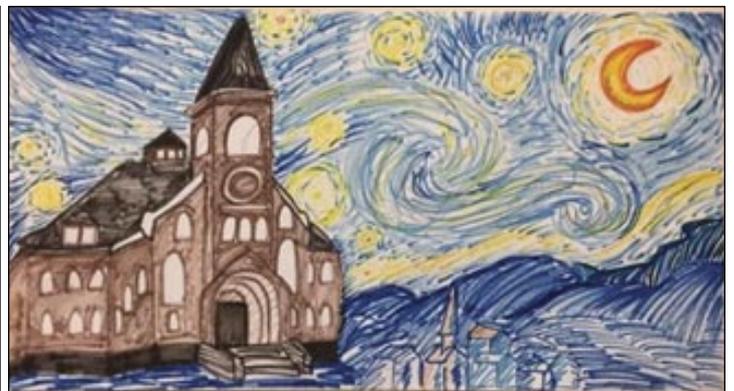
Nicole said that she and her parents had "complied with everything" that the board asked.

Mr. Espindola took note of the comment to remind her that the Dussaults had

not, in fact, complied with everything they were supposed to do.

"It's not true," said Mr. Espindola, adding that they were all trying to resolve the situation to get the garage reopened. He noted that the Dussaults had not kept up with payments as agreed upon.

"I give you my word, again," said Nicole. "Those payments will be made. I can assure you of that."



The Fairhaven Selectboard voted to use this mural depicting the Rogers School in "van Gogh" style on the Rogers School Building where vandals have damaged the glass block panels. *Submitted.*

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nothing but friendly and excited. Younger kids sat on the shoulders of their fathers, while some college students stood on top of light posts and garbage cans.

As the duck boats started to near our area the crowds began throwing foam footballs to each other across the street, which made fans begin rooting for crowd members to catch them. As the crowd got more and more fired up, a group of guys near the Stearns' Building decided to lift up one of their friends. One of the guys reached up and pulled himself up onto the awning of the building chanting "Brady Brady Brady!"

The energy was electrifying by the time the duck boats arrived in front of us. The crowd went wild as Robert Kraft came down the street holding the Vince Lombardi trophy high in the air, followed by Bill Belichick.



Everyone around had phones out snapping photos, as the players went by. To get a better view a bunch of people jumped on top of an empty dump truck that was parked on a side street.

The ducks boats with Gronk, Edelman, and Bennett on them had music blasting, which had the crowd laughing and screaming for them to dance. Someone in the crowd threw Gronk a can of beer, which he easily caught, chugged, and then spiked onto the street.

The screams from the crowd echoed through the streets of Boston as Brady's and Garoppolo's duck boat came down the street. The fans chanted "Brady," as Brady held the trophy high in the air!

Seeing the G.O.A.T in person, less than 20 feet away, holding the Super Bowl trophy...there is no preparing yourself for that. The energy on the street is nothing like I have ever felt before.

As the duck boats pulled away towards city hall, the crowds walked away in different directions, some heading home, back to work, to a T station, or made the walk to City Hall. Everyone left with soaked clothes, numb toes, and probably a

cold, but not one person around left without a smile on their face.

Even though the weather made the Victory Parade more challenging for us Patriots fans, we still showed up by the thousands because us Pats fans love a good challenge and we always come to "Do Our Job!"

Editor's Note: G.O.A.T = Greatest of All Time; at City Hall Plaza, team members addressed the crowd; officials estimate approximately one million people attended the rally.



ABOVE: Rob Gronkowski, aka, Gronk, chugs a beer that was thrown to him from a fan during the Rolling Rally on Tuesday, 2/7, celebrating the Patriots' fifth Superbowl win on Sunday. LEFT: Defensive coordinator Matt Patricia holds the Lombardi Trophy while Bill Belichick sports a rare smile for the crown during the Rolling Rally through the streets of Boston. *Photos by Mary Macedo.*

Hey, we were there, too!



Fairhaven Selectboard member Charles Murphy is an unabashed Patriots fan, even convincing his fellow Selectboard members and staff into wearing Patriots' jerseys during the Selectboard meeting on Monday. So, it's no surprise that he went to the Rolling Rally in Boston on Tuesday, 2/7, to celebrate the Patriots' fifth Superbowl win on Sunday. ABOVE: The gang from MO LIFE joins the fun at the Rolling Rally in Boston. ABOVE RIGHT: Tom Brady holds up the Lombardi Trophy from atop a duck boat. BELOW RIGHT: Robert Kraft holds up the Lombardi Trophy. *Photos courtesy of Charles Murphy.*



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Heart Health

Nurse practitioner Erin Van der Veer will be at the Fairhaven COA on Monday February 13th at 1:00 pm to provide information about heart health. Erin will cover topics about prevention of cardiac problems and living healthy with cardiac issues. Please bring questions. Please call the Fairhaven COA to sign up for informative session at 508-979-4029.

Sewing Group

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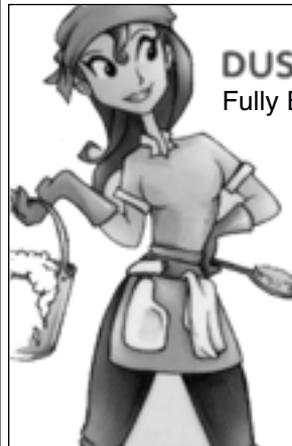
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Acushnet Selectboard halts marijuana; Gomes chosen for AHA

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard and the Acushnet Housing Authority voted for Andrew Gomes to fill the seat vacated by James Madruga on the AHA. Sandra Bettencourt also sent a letter of interest for the position.

At the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 2/6, both boards voted to appoint Mr. Gomes. He will have to run for the position in the upcoming election April 4.

AHA Chairperson Rene Racine told the Selectboard that his board preferred Mr. Gomes for the position. AHA members Isabel Sousa and Lawrence Mulvey agreed with the choice. Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe indicated that he wanted to defer to the AHA, but then abstained from the vote without explanation.

Selectboard member Mike Cioper, who works for the AHA, recused himself and left the room during the proceedings, leaving Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar as the only Selectboard vote for Mr. Gomes.

Neither candidate was at the

meeting on Monday.

The board also voted to support an article at Town Meeting that would put a moratorium on marijuana facilities in Acushnet.

In November, voters in Massachusetts passed by referendum that legalizes recreational marijuana, with limits.

The state, however, has not set up the rules to regulate any facilities that might pop up to sell pot for recreational use. As a result, towns across the state are putting moratoriums in place to give themselves time to figure out zoning and other regulations.

Towns need to create zoning that would allow the facilities, and need to consider if they will allow cafes, or places where marijuana can be consumed on-site. Towns are also allowed to assess a 2% local tax on sales of marijuana.

Mr. Gaspar, however, noted that in Acushnet the law passed by only 5%, about 140 votes. He said he would like to see ballot question to let the public weigh in on the matter.

Town Administrator Brian Noble said it was "premature" for the town

to create regulations when the state has not created its guidelines yet.

He said the town should move forward with zoning, though.

The town's legal firm Koppelman and Paige has written an article for the warrant.

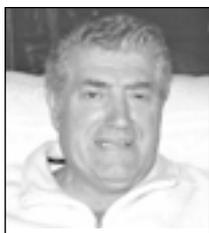
The board voted to support the article.

In another matter, the board tabled a discussion on a parcel of land that the town has a right of first refusal on. The land is in Chapter 61A, which gives a break in the tax rate for agricultural use. But requires that the town get a first shot at it if it goes up for sale.

There was some confusion as to the size of the parcel and where it was located, so the board decided to wait until it had more information. The parcels are on Map 10, Lots 30, 34 & 35, and are on the Fairhaven line. An offer of \$376,000 has been made for the property.

The board voted to adopt the new Public Records Compliance Policy and named five Records Access Officers (RAO). The new law requires

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municipalities to have a person in charge of fulfilling public records requests for each department.

Town Clerk Pam Labonte will be the RAO for the town and for the smaller departments that do not have a specified RAO. The other RAOs appointed were: Town Administrator Brian Noble; Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher for the Fire Department; Police Chief Michael Alves for the Police Department; Mary Carter for the School Department.

The new law changes the amount that local governments can charge for records, lowering them significantly, and specifying five cents per page for copies; sets limits on how long a government body can take to fulfill requests; requires governments to provide electronic records where available; and allows requestors to ask for attorney's fees if they prevail in court.

For more information on the new law, visit <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prenotice.htm>. It went into effect on 1/1/17.

In a follow-up from the last meeting, the board briefly discussed

the pump at the school's pumping station.

The dire situation is a little less dire, since they got one pump working. The plan is to keep the pumps patched up enough to get through to the summer, when students are not in the building. The whole pumping system needs to be replaced or significantly upgraded. The board will probably have an article on the next Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Noble also told the board that the school department is working with the town on a plan to use school departments for voting.

He said the plan calls for additional parking and other improvements. The plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

In other business, the board amended the appointment of Richard Miranda to the Agricultural Commission. He should have been appointed as an alternate member.

The Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Patrick Higgins was resolved. The board said the state ethics commission "found no violations," and resolved the matter. Mr. Higgins

has 30 days to appeal.

Mr. Noble reported that the town had received a grant for the town to buy three electric cars with three charging stations.

The cars have a limited range, 80 miles, but "will be extraordinarily economical," said Mr. Noble.

The town has at least one aging vehicle, a Crown Victoria, that needs to be retired and is also not very good on gas.

Mr. Noble also told the board that the town is seeking regionalization possibilities for the school department with the town of Fairhaven, in response to a request by the School Committee.

The two towns will explore ways that regionalization may be mutually beneficial to them.

The concept is still at the "study stage," said Selectboard member Mike Cioper, adding that they had applied for a grant to study the issue.

"It could be beneficial to us," said Mr. Cioper. "It's something that should be looked at."

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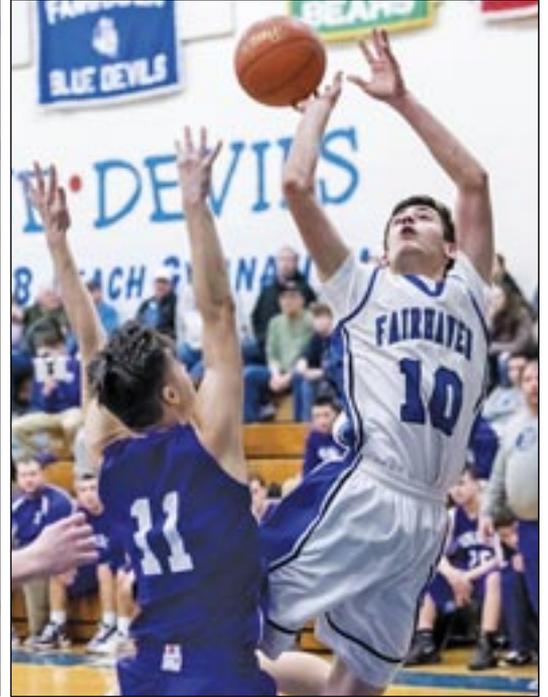
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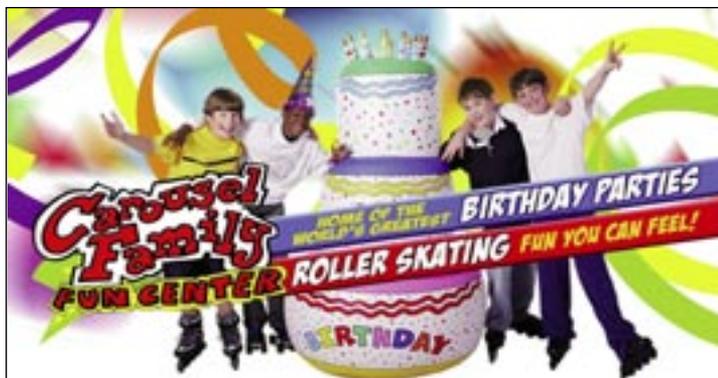
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BPW hires for Sewer Department, addresses grievance

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 2/6, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed the property on 232 Huttleston Ave., hired for the Sewer department, and discussed a grievance within the department.

The first matter the BPW addressed was a discussion regarding GCG Associates Engineering Services working on the new property at 232 Huttleston Avenue. Contractor Peter DeTerra previously met with the board to discuss the water service to the property.

Water Superintendent Edward Fortin met with Mr. DeTerra to discuss the water at the property and they will meet again next Monday for a pre-construction meeting.

Mr. Fortin's initial concern about the water pipe on the property was that it would not be large enough to supply enough water for the proposed construction of two buildings. Mr. DeTerra told the board at a previous meeting that they would no longer be building two buildings, so the pipe would only have to handle one building, and it was sufficient for that.

Mr. Fortin, Mr. DeTerra and the engineers will meet next week to discuss the plans to begin construction.

Before the board moved on to discuss another matter, board member, Robert "Hoppy" Hobson wanted to discuss some issues he had with the agenda from the last BPW meeting that was held on 1/23.

At the last meeting the discussion with Mr. DeTerra regarding the Huttleston Avenue property was not on the agenda and some members on the board did not feel comfortable dis-

cussing a matter not on the agenda.

"When you table something can it be brought up at the next meeting without being on the agenda," Mr. Hobson asked.

He explained to the board that he wanted to make a motion not to discuss issues that are not on the agenda.

Board members Jarrod Lusier and Brian Wotton agreed with Mr. Hobson.

"I agree with you," Mr. Wotton said. "But you want to vote on something that is not on the agenda right now."

Mr. Wotton said to be fair they

grass area. Mr. Wotton said he is not opposed to the hoop because that area of Green Street is not that busy.

Board members agreed that they do not want to stop the kids from being able to play basketball, but told Ms. Rock that the hoop must continue to be at least two feet away from the street. The board informed Ms. Rock that she must sign the waiver stating that if a plow ruins the hoop or the hoop causes any damage to anything on the street, she is responsible for it.

The board approved the waiver unanimously.

In another matter the board interviewed John McGilvray for the position of Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman. Mr. McGilvray recently passed his Grade 4 water exam and is currently taking a waste water treatment class for his Grade 5 and 6 licenses.

"You're conscientious and work hard," Mr. Ristuccia said.

The board approved the promotion unanimously.

In another matter, the board discussed a grievance within the Sewer Department. Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained that a grievance was submitted stating that an unqualified employee, John McGilvray, was allowed to be on call and use the pager for overtime.

Mr. Furtado said the grievance was filed because Mr. McGilvray, who had the overtime pager, did not at the time have his wastewater license. He earned his wastewater license four days after he was allowed to use the on-call pager.

Sewer Department Superintendent, Linda Schick told the board that she

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[Michael Ristuccia]

should put the issue on the agenda for next meeting, so they do not contradict their own argument.

Chairperson Mike Ristuccia agreed that the vote be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

In another matter the board met with Marie Rock who was requesting a waiver for a basketball hoop on 260 Green Street.

Ms. Rock used to have a basketball hoop on her property about two feet from the street. The town is concerned with the hoop being so close to the street, especially in the winter with snow and the possibility that a plow may hit it.

Mr. Wotton suggested that the backboard of the hoop be over the



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Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on February 21, 2017**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. **1) Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment** – The applicant *Denise DeCosta* is proposing to amend Chapter 198, Section 16-Use Regulation Schedule and Section 33-Definitions. The purpose of the amendment is to add Personal Kennel as a listed use and add a definition for Personal Kennel. **2) Rezone.** The applicants, *Daniel and Pamela Corcoran* are seeking to rezone their property located on an Unnamed Street (formerly Beach St.), between Alpine and Newbury Avenue, Map 19, Lot 019, from Industrial District (I) to General Residence Districts (RB).

Copies of the applications are 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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Mon., 2/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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FHS Starts National Arts Honor Society chapter

Submitted

I am proud to announce that the National Arts Honor Society Fairhaven High School Chapter has been officially established!

After creating Bylaws, permission forms, and pamphlets of information, we were approved by the Fairhaven Public School committee to begin a new student activity account and were recognized by the National Art Education Association and issued a chapter number.

I am extremely proud of the 22

juniors and seniors who were eligible and interested in beginning this inaugural chapter here at Fairhaven High.

Please congratulate the following students for being a part of this inaugural chapter: Caroline DeCosta, Christian Schmidt, Alexandria Pereira, Julie Dextraze, Klarisa DaSilva, Olivia Nunes, Abby-Lin Resendes, Kaitlyn Duarte, Eliana Dacunha, Kate-Lynne Rapoza, Sarelle Veitch, Madyson Pires, Linda Nguyen, Kaitlyn Costa, Jack Brown, Meaghan Grant, Cynthia Roberts, Jacob Cabral, Eve Hartig,

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Thank you!

Mrs. Jamie Lynch, MAE Visual Arts Educator Fairhaven High School

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advised Mr. McGilvray that, while he was on call, if a problem arose that he was not qualified to handle on his own, he should call qualified employees to assist him.

While Mr. McGilvray was on call that weekend a problem did occur and he did as he was told and called qualified employees to help.

The union decided to file a grievance because they felt that Mr. McGilvray was not qualified to be on call in the first place.

Mr. Ristuccia explained that he could not find anything in the union contract that specifies whether or not you need to have a specific license to be on call.

"Nowhere does it say you can't hold the beeper and call employees to help without a license," Mr. Ristuccia said.

Mr. Wotton explained that at the time Mr. McGilvray was hired the BPW gave him six months to acquire the license for the job requirement, which Mr. McGilvray now has, but at the time that Mr. McGilvray was on call he was four days away from earning the license.

"I feel like this grievance should be thrown out," Mr. Wotton said. "But I see why it was issued."

"It is not a requirement to have a license as a maintenance man," Ms. Schick said.

Mr. Ristuccia asked Union Representative George Belanger what they wanted from the grievance.

He explained that all the union wanted was to make it known that unlicensed employees should not be on call or in charge of the overtime pager.

Mr. Wotton asked Ms. Schick if

there was list of who was on call and when they were on call.

She said there was a list posted so that all the employees know who is on call and when.

Mr. Wotton explained that he would have expected the grievance to be filed before Mr. McGilvray got the pager. If everyone knew Mr. McGilvray was on the on-call list why wasn't the issue addressed before.

"I think he didn't do anything he shouldn't have," Mr. Wotton said. "He called the correct people to help him get the job done."

Mr. Wotton explained that the grievance should be withdrawn, so that everyone can work together "happily." He said he felt like the grievance was causing problems instead of making a newer employee feel welcome.

"We have worked well together and our disagreements have always been productive," Mr. Belanger said. "I just have to take contracts seriously."

Ms. Schick noted that the six or seven sewer employees at the meeting showed up to support Mr. McGilvray.

"These folks all work together and it seems like this grievance is a stretch," Mr. Ristuccia said.

Mr. Belanger noted that he could not ask the union employees who they were supporting.

Mr. Hobson suggested that Mr. Belanger and any other sewer employees that want to should meet with Ms. Schick and Mr. Furtado and change the language of the sewer employee contracts to fit what they think the rules should be.

The board and Mr. Belanger agreed to hold the grievance in abeyance until they have a meeting on Friday to

discuss the issue.

"Hopefully in the future we can avoid these things," Mr. Ristuccia said.

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