

Acushnet selectmen don't want river PCBs stored in their town

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By Paul Gately
Standard-Times correspondent

ACUSHNET — Selectmen don't like the federal proposal to store PCB-laden river sediment, but they will tolerate the idea as long as no storage facility is situated in this town.

Selectmen are signing on to a letter to be sent by the area's state legislative delegation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"The EPA paints a pretty picture about PCB disposal, but the truth is tons and tons of contaminated soil have been dredged from the Acushnet River, and it will have to be stored until it can be treated by emerging technology some day," selectmen Chairman Peter Koczera said last night.

"We are not against CDFs (contained disposal facilities); we have simply decided to tolerate them as

long as Acushnet's waters and shoreline are not used to house them," Mr. Koczera said. "We support temporary storage of that sediment as long as its on the New Bedford side of the river. The proposed facility at Clark's Cove seems reasonable."

Selectmen Everett L. Hardy Jr. and Robert St. Jean agreed with the sentiment, saying they understand there is no technology currently available to treat the contaminated sediment and dispose of the PCBs in it.

The letter to the EPA originated with state Rep. William Straus, D-Mattapoisett. It is being circulated in draft form and will likely be signed by other area legislators today and Wednesday.

The federal CDF proposal evolved after the EPA's decision to incinerate dredged PCBs was reject-

ed by community activists and leaders in the name of environmental sanity.

In other business, selectmen:

■ Interviewed three police dispatcher candidates. The applicants are Kimberly DeFrias of New Bedford, Yvette St. Amand of Fairhaven and Kimberly Boucher of Lynn. An appointment is pending.

■ Solicited public interest in a vacant seat on the town's Bylaw Review Committee. Interested residents should send a letter to selectmen in Town Hall.

■ Learned cable Channel 2 will videotape the decorated front doors of interested townspeople. The holiday decorations will be cablecast at an upcoming date. Residents who want their doors taped, should contact the selectmen's office in Town Hall.

New Bedford man still on run 15 years after death of Pennsylvania police chief

By The Associated Press

SAXONBURG, Pa. — The mayor of this small borough placed a Christmas wreath yesterday at a memorial to a police chief who was shot to death 15 years ago, allegedly by a man who apparently is still on the run.

Chief Greg Adams was shot twice at close range Dec. 4, 1980, after making a traffic stop near a feed store about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh. He chased his killer into a nearby yard and collapsed.

State and federal authorities have accused Donald Eugene Webb, a jewel thief who once lived in New Bedford, Mass., who would now be 62 years old, of killing Chief Adams. Mr. Webb has been on the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted fugitives since May 4, 1981.

About 50 people, including three dozen police officers, attended a 10-minute ceremony marking the anniversary. "It's good to see that the community hasn't forgotten," said Chief Adams' widow, MaryAnn Jones, who has since remarried.

The case has been featured on the "America's Most Wanted" television program. The FBI receives four to five tips a year, but none turns out to

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**FBI Agent Fred Roberson
of the Lakeville office,
talking about ex-New Bedford
resident Donald E. Webb**

be fruitful, FBI Special Agent Fred Roberson said from Lakeville, Mass.

"We don't have any solid leads at this time," Agent Roberson said. "Usually it sounds right — we have a good description, or someone with the name 'Don,' but then we check it out."

The FBI's Massachusetts offices are handling the case because Mr. Webb has relatives in New Bedford. He is described as a flashy dresser and big tipper who has been convicted of bank robbery, burglary and

auto theft.

"I would describe him as a career criminal," Agent Roberson said. "At the time that he shot Chief Adams, he was using the identification of his wife's former husband."

Mr. Webb is 5-foot-9 and white, has gray-brown hair and brown eyes and is believed to weigh about 165 pounds. He has a small scar on his right cheek and two tattoos — one on his right hand saying "Don" and one on his chest saying "Ann." He is also a master of disguises, the FBI said.

Chief Adams, who was also hit in the head with a pistol, was able to speak for several minutes after he was shot. There had been several jewel robberies around western Pennsylvania at that time, and Agent Roberson said Chief Adams may have believed the person he stopped was the thief.

Midge Freehling, who owned the yard where Chief Adams collapsed, told reporters that the chief told her a man had stolen his gun. Chief Adams asked her, "Pray for me."

Agent Roberson said he does not believe that Mr. Webb is dead because if he were, his relatives probably would reveal that.

- Conservation Com...
- 7 tonight, Room 103
- Park Department
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, ...
- Hall.
- Youth Commission
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, ...
- Hall.
- Recycling Committ...
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
- Hall.

FAIRHAVEN

- DPW
- 6:30 tonight, DPW, ...
- Appeals Board
- 7 tonight, Town Hall
- Planning Board
- 7:30 tonight, Town Ha...
- New Shelter Buildi...
- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
- School

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- Selectmen
- 7 tonight, Town House
- Conservation Com...
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, To...
- Housing Partnersh...
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
- School Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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- Health Board
- 7 tonight, Town Hall, ...
- Building Inspector

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