

Port divide bubbles up over Knight award

Fulton accuses chairman of malfeasance

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The divide on the Port of Astoria Commission was on full display Tuesday during a tiff over an award nomination last month for Jim Knight, the Port's executive director.

During a discussion of the minutes from last month's meeting, Commissioner Stephen Fulton accused Commission Chairman Robert Mushen of malfeasance for unilaterally nominating Knight for the Special Districts Association of Oregon's Outstanding Manager of the Year Award.

Knight didn't win, but received a certificate of recognition, along with other nominees.

Fulton, who with Commissioner Bill Hunsinger has been a critic of both Mushen and Knight, said he contacted the association and received a letter stating the nomination for

the award comes from a board of directors. "Since the application and nomination was submitted by one commissioner from his home email, it appears that this was a fraudulent application," Fulton said.

Mushen said he apologized if he made a mistake, adding it wasn't purposeful, and that the mailer he received from the association didn't say he needed the commission's approval to nominate Knight. "I certainly don't think it rises to the level of malfeasance," he said.

Fulton asked what the Port Commission should do about Mushen's actions.

"What difference does it make?" asked Commissioner James Campbell. "It's an honorary thing. It's not official policy. You have nothing better to do than sit around and scramble through things like this, when we've got important issues in front of us?"

Fulton said Mushen's nomination isn't the first time Port bylaws haven't been followed,

criticizing a letter Mushen sent to the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce on behalf of the Port Commission, which had voted to ask the group to comply with a public records request from Warrenton. Fulton said the Port should make a formal apology to the Special Districts Association of Oregon over Knight's nomination and follow the agency's bylaws, including his signature as commission secretary on all official documents from the governing body.



Stephen Fulton

sioner Fulton ... did this?" Fulton asked. "You'd be up in arms."

Fulton acknowledged the divide in voting on many Port issues, with commissioners Mushen, Campbell and John Raichl often voting against him and Hunsinger.

"The bylaws are the only protection the minority has," Fulton said. "We continue to have these 3-2 votes."

Hunsinger said the letter in support of Knight's nomination also contained numerous falsehoods about his accomplishments.

"It's unacceptable," Hunsinger said. "We can't have

a lone-wolf operation."

Hunsinger attempted to call a private executive session to discuss Mushen's actions. Knight called Peter Moore, an attorney with Port counsel Jordan Ramis PC. Moore said that a general matter regarding an award or recognition did not qualify for an executive session.

'A couple of kids'

During commissioner reports, Hunsinger continued needling Mushen over supposed falsehoods in his nomination letter for Knight, and for not getting the Port Commission's

approval or Fulton's signature on the letter.

"I can't believe you're so mean-spirited you'd come back on me for nominating the Port director for an award," Mushen said.

"This is crazy," Campbell said later of Fulton and Hunsinger's criticisms. "You guys are sitting around acting like a couple of kids."

Mushen, apparently fed up with the criticisms, ended the meeting before the end of commission reports and a second public comment period, saying he needed to get home. Hunsinger and Campbell continued trading barbs after the meeting adjourned, as attendees filed out into the stormy night.

Seaside man in standoff charged with violations

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

The Seaside man involved in a standoff with police last week was arraigned Tuesday on multiple counts of unlawful use of a weapon and one charge of aggravated animal abuse.

Brian Wallin, 49, locked himself inside his home on Whispering Pines Drive for nearly 64 hours between Wednesday and Saturday. He fired a number of shots before he surrendered to police. While searching the house, police found the family dog dead.

Wallin was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital on Saturday morning. He remained there for evaluation until Sunday night, when he was taken to Clatsop County Jail.

SHORE STYLE
Wedding Fair
Drop-In Astoria, OR

The Loft at the Red Building
SATURDAY
1.28.17

Venues, Hotels, Caterers, Local Food & Beverage Suppliers, Florists, Retailers, Rentals & Décor Services, Photographers, Musicians & DJs and more!

SHORESTYLEWED.COM

General Admission \$10
VIP Tickets \$20
Includes VIP gift bag with cool treats from local vendors, 2 drink tickets, reserved parking & more!

Shore Style
For a Truly Unique Wedding

DIAMOND SPONSORS

BA BAKED ALASKA
GEARHART HOTEL

Facebook, Instagram icons

Consult a Professional

JEFFREY M. LEINASSAR
DMD, FAGD

LEINASSAR
DENTAL EXCELLENCE

503/325-0310
1414 MARINE DRIVE,
ASTORIA
www.smileastoria.com

Q: What causes a dry mouth?

A: Many possibilities exist here which need to begin with effective oral hygiene. People who are heavy tobacco smokers or heavy consumers of alcohol also show signs of dry mouth. Many prescription medications also play a role in creating a dry-mouth syndrome. Patients with this condition have an increased risk to dental disease, decay and infection and should have this evaluated.

ASTORIA CHIROPRACTIC

Barry Sears, D.C.

503-325-3311
2935 Marine Drive,
Astoria, Oregon

Q: What happens in a whiplash injury?

A: Motor vehicle accidents cause a variety of injuries because of an abrupt change, like the cracking of a whip. In less than a second, many tons of force are transferred to the body, including ligaments, muscles, disks and joints. Those tissues stretch and tear and do not heal without proper care. Injuries can include neck, back, jaw, shoulders, ribs and knees. Chiropractic care has been shown to be effective and gentle to restore normal function after injuries and accidents. Even if your injury is older, we can help. Astoria Chiropractic has been providing excellent services in Astoria for 35 years.

Robey's
Furniture & Appliance

Astoria • (503)325-1535
1555 Commercial Street

Store Hours
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 to 5:30
Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

More Locations:
Tillamook • (503) 842-7111
1126 Main Ave
Lincoln City • (541) 996-2177
6255 SW Hwy. 101
Newport • (541) 265-9520
5111 N. Coast Hwy.
Florence • (541)997-8214
18th & Hwy. 101

Q: How long should a new mattress last?

A: With most premium mattresses, manufacturers have a 10 year warranty on their products. What they are saying through their warranty is that the useful life of the mattress is 10 years.

Loop-Jacobsen Jewelers, Inc.

Frank & Judy VanWinkle

A family owned and operated jewelry store since 1919

(503) 325-6181
1360 Commercial
Astoria, Oregon

Q: What do you have for Valentines?

A: We carry locket, bracelets, earrings, pendants and pearls. Frank custom makes jewelry to your desires. Judy restrings and knots pearls and beads.

Free engraving and gift wrapping with purchase.

POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

Buy directly from local farmers for healthy meals!
Fresh produce, seafood, cheese, meats, \$10 SNAP match, and more!

THURSDAY
JANUARY 19TH
2:30-5:30PM

NORTH COAST FOOD WEB
577 18TH STREET
NORTHCOASTFOODWEB.ORG

FARMERS MARKET ASTORIA, OR

CLATSOP BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

"Helping People Live Well"

65 N. Hwy. 101
Suite 204
Warrenton
503-325-5722

Q: What is Respite Care?

A: Respite Services provide short-term relief for a person experiencing a mental health emergency. North Coast Crisis Respite Center is a newly opened sixteen bed facility in Warrenton offering an average length of stay from 3 to 7 days. Our program is staffed by mental health, nursing and psychiatric professionals to help develop safe plans for recovery. We work closely with local hospitals, law enforcement and other healthcare professionals to move people from crisis to care. For information regarding the referral process, call 503-325-5722.

BRIM'S Farm & Garden

34963 Hwy. 101 Business
Astoria • 503-325-1562

For beautiful gardens & healthy animals

www.brimsfarmngarden.com

Q: My garden is infested with moles. How do I get rid of them?

A: You are in good company! Moles are best controlled with traps and baits. We can show you how they work. Castor oil in spray or pellet form is a very good deterrent. Smoke bombs are also available with varying degrees of effectiveness as are various breeds of canines. Since moles are primarily carnivores, they do the most damage to the roots of plants by undermining them as they dig. On the brighter side, moles do a lot of good in the garden by eating crane fly larvae and aerating the soil.

Stefanie Cao
Medicare Market Manager

CareOregon Advantage
careoregonadvantage.org

Q: May someone else talk with Medicare about my claims?

A: Yes, with your authorization or permission. Federal law protects the privacy of your health information. All health plans must uphold these privacy standards, though each plan may have its own approach. You can give permission by phone each time you want a trusted loved one to talk with your insurer. Or, your Medicare plan may provide a special form for you to fill out. Ask your plan.

LEO FINZI

Astorias Best.com

Microsoft REGISTERED Refurbisher Charter Spectrum

COME ENJOY SHOPPING AT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COMPUTER STORE LOCATION IN THE WORLD!

M-F 10-6 Sat & Sun 11-4
77 11th Street, Suite H
Astoria, OR
503-325-2300

Q: When I click on the start button there are tiles I don't use.

A: Right click on any tile you do not use, then click "Unpin" to remove it. Next, customize your Start Screen to your liking.

1. Click on Start, then right click your favorite apps & pin them to the Start Screen.
2. Using the Edge browser, visit your favorite web site, click the 3 dots at top right, then click "Pin this page to Start" It will now be on your Start Screen.
3. Scroll down the list of apps to "Get Started" and pin that to the Start Screen. Learn all about Windows 10 with that app.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN'S CUTEST BABY CONTEST is Back!

If your baby was born between **January 1st & December 31st, 2016**, you can submit your newborn's picture either via email at:

CLASSIFIEDS@DAILYASTORIAN.COM
or drop by one of our offices in Astoria or Seaside and we can scan in the photo for you.

Deadline to enter is **Wednesday, January 25th at 5pm**
Entries will be printed in The Daily Astorian on January 31st.

Human babies only please!

REBECCA SEDLAK
Coast Weekend Editor

THE DAILY ASTORIAN
949 Exchange St., Astoria
503-325-3211, x217

Q: How do I get a story about my event in Coast Weekend?

A: We plan what our feature stories will be, anywhere from two to six weeks in advance, so let us know early if you have something going on that you think would make a good feature. For smaller stories, the deadline for getting press releases and photos to us is noon Wednesday, one week before the next Thursday's publication. Email your information to rsedlak@dailyastorian.com or call 503-325-3211, ext. 217. Be sure to include a contact name, email and phone number. If you just want to post an event on the online calendar, you can go to coastweekend.com/calendar and follow the instructions.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN
503-325-3211
www.dailyastorian.com

949 Exchange St.
Astoria, OR
503-325-3211

Q: What is the Consult a Professional section and how can it help my business?

A: The Consult a Professional section in the Daily Astorian is a great & affordable way to advertise your business or service, by allowing you to educate the reader of exactly what you do on a professional level. All you need to do is come up with a question that a customer might ask about your line of expertise and then give them a detailed answer to help educate them before they even walk through your door. We are offering great rates and package deals that help save you money!