

Morelle

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 approximately 30 minutes. When the committee re-convened, it continued the meeting per order of the agenda. When the agenda item on Morelle's contract finally came up, Committee member Ryan Pearson explained that in light of the temporary restraining order Town Solicitor Thomas Hefner had recommended tabling the matter.

"I don't think we can take any action this evening," Pearson said.
 With that, most of the crowd got up and filed out of the auditorium.
 "What I don't understand is how a judge can tell a school committee who they can hire or fire," said one parent leaving the auditorium.

Had the committee voted on Morelle's contract it was all but certain that the committee would have agreed not to renew the contract, which expires June 30, 2011. Morelle makes \$117,244 a year as Cumberland's school chief.
 The vote would have come a

week after a closed session with Morelle to discuss her job performance and two weeks after Morelle came under fire by the committee and the public for her handling of this year's opening of school, specifically problems that had to do with bus routes and stops.

School Committee Chairman Donald J. Costa said that after last week's 90-minute closed door meeting with Morelle the committee met among themselves and agreed to place her contract renewal on last night's agenda.

At the Sept. 9 School Committee meeting, some members said Morelle did not convey the committee's Aug. 12 decision that Durham School Services return to previous bus routes and stops. Morelle said that evening that she believed she had conveyed the directive to Durham.

At that meeting, dozens of angry residents testified about late buses, children left at school, and children dropped off at the wrong stops.



Photo/Butch Adams

During the 25th Anniversary Blackstone Valley Tourism Council Awards Dinner at the Twin River Event Center in Lincoln on Thursday night, Blackstone Valley Tour Group of Worcester members, left to right, Dean Miller, Elizabeth Bacon, Maureen Binienda, Ann Quaiocoe, Stephanie Felix-Torres, Ruby Wuabu, Alice Lemay and Bob Largess accept the ARISTA Award for Sustainable Tourism on behalf of their group.

Sentence

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 Attorney General Paul Carnes and Special Assistant Attorney General Diane Daigle were prepared to present the following evidence:

At about 1:25 a.m. on March 30, 2009, Cumberland police received a 911 call to respond to 6 Belmont Terrace and also directing police to 64 Baldwin Street. At the Baldwin Street residence, police found Rita Paiva, 57, dead. She had been stabbed 72 times.

At the time of the response to Baldwin Street, Cumberland Police also responded to 6 Belmont Terrace, the home of Paiva's brother, where they found Richard Paiva, whose clothes were soaked with blood. According to the Attorney General's Office, Richard Paiva had told his brother that he had just killed their mother. Cumberland Police took him into custody.

Richard Paiva was wanted for a prior incident of domestic assault on his mother that occurred on the afternoon before the murder, on March 29, 2009. The Cumberland Police were actively looking for

Paiva and had gone to 6 Belmont Terrace earlier in search of him but did not find him until after the 911 call of early March 30.

Cumberland Police Detectives Kevin D'Ambra and Michael Strain and Sergeant Doug Ciullo led the investigation.

Paiva had been held without bail at the ACI since his arrest by Cumberland Police on the day of the murder, March 30, 2009.

At the time of Paiva's arrest, several neighbors told reporters that there had been a long history of domestic violence in the house between Richard Paiva and Rita Paiva.

Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch said, "It's fitting that the perpetrator of this brutal murder of his mother will not be eligible for release until he is in his late 60s, at the very earliest. My deepest sympathies remain with the members of the Paiva family who have had to endure so much pain, due to the defendant's long criminal history that culminated with an unspeakable crime."

Awards

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PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Pawtucket Water Supply Board, as part of our current MR-5 (Main Replacement Project), will be working on the following streets during the next few weeks:

- CUMBERLAND**
- MORRIS ST
- CENTRAL FALLS**
- MOWRY ST
- PAWTUCKET**
- CHANDLER AVE HARVEY ST OWEN AVE
- CLARK AVE HOBSON ST RHODE ISLAND AVE
- EXETER AVE MELROSE AVE SHAW AVE
- FRANCIS AVE MORRIS AVE WEST AVE
- HANCOCK ST OAKDALE AVE WINTER ST

Our contractor Fleet Construction Company of Cumberland, RI, will do this work. They will be replacing existing water mains in the street and replacing any non-standard house services to the property line. All roads, sidewalks, and lawns will be repaired as soon as possible. All addresses in the area that will be affected by a shutdown will be notified in advance. Some rusty water may occur in the area, allow water to run for a short time until clear. We are sorry for the inconvenience, please bear with us. Thank you.

PWSB employees and the Contractor's employees will need access to the houses on the streets being worked on. All employees are required to carry a Photo I.D. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 729-5033.

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Central Falls

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 mayor contends that he has, which we feel he does not because he has been relegated to an advisory capacity," he added. "It preserves the status quo until Judge Silverstein can decide this."
 "Ultimately, this issue is going to be decided by the court," Pfeiffer said, "and we're looking forward to the resolution of that. As I have expressed before, I believe the statute is constitutional."
 When Mancini told Silverstein he expect the hearing on the constitutionality of the law to last more than one day, the judge set aside Oct. 4 and 5 for the arguments.
 In papers filed with the court, Theodore Orson, an attorney representing Pfeiffer, argued that the law in question

"provides receivers with five separate and independent grants of power to fill vacancies on 'any authority, board, committee or office,'" adding that "the first such grant is simple, clean, on point and dispositive."
 "It is clear," Orson wrote, "that the General Assembly wanted a single voice speaking for a distressed city; a receiver's voice. Having elected officials compete with a receiver's voice will always lead to chaos, confusion and uncertainty, could negatively impact the financial stability of a city, and could impact a city's access to capital markets."

Pawtucket settles suit with worker over drug testing

PAWTUCKET (AP) — The city has settled a lawsuit with an employee who says she was unlawfully required to take random drug and alcohol tests.
 The city has agreed to apologize to Romana Ramos as part of the settlement announced Thursday by the

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