

**NEWS****Town honors a 'gem'****By Bera Dunau**

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The Foxboro Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts House of Representatives took time to honor a "gem of a campground" Tuesday night.

"It's not often that you have a business that has such longevity," Board of Selectmen Chairman Jim DeVellis said about the Normandy Farms Family Camping Resort.

Numerous members of the Daniels family, which has owned the land where the campground is located on since 1759, attended Tuesday's board of selectmen meeting, where they received both citations. Al Daniels served as the family's spokesman for the event.

In its citation, the board recognized Normandy Farms for being awarded the 2015 Large Park of the Year award by the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. This the fourth time Normandy Farms has won the award, previously winning it in 1985, 1995, and 2005.

"We always refer to Foxboro as the gem of Norfolk County," said Rep. Jay Barrows, R-Mansfield, before presenting the house's proclamation. "This is the gem of camp grounds and RV Parks of America."

"We are the eighteenth-oldest continuously run family business in the country," said Al Daniels.

"We have such an attachment to the land." said Bobby Daniels. "That comes before everything."

The selectmen also had additional comments about the campground.

"The first time I went in I was just like 'Oh my god this is unbelievable'," said Christ Mitchell, who said that he's done consulting work for Normandy Farms and that his wife works there.

"It's obviously all about customer service," said Selectman David Feldman. "You're doing it right. Nothing but continued success."

DeVellis and Selectwoman Ginny Coppola also noted that Normandy Farms employs a number of local young people.

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