

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2008

A work session of the Jamestown Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue by Council President Julio J. DiGiando. The following members were present:

Michael G. White, Vice President
William A. Kelly
Robert W. Sutton, Jr.
Barbara A. Szepatowski

also present:

Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Arlene D. Petit, Town Clerk
Lisa W. Bryer, Town Planner

6:00 PM Work Session

Numi Mitchell, Ph.D., Lead Scientist and Project Director, The Conservation Agency
COYOTE MANAGEMENT STUDY

Dr. Mitchell gave a slide presentation to the Council on “Coexisting with Coyotes”. Dr. Mitchell labeled coyotes as the “good ones and bad ones”; the good ones being those that eat mice, rabbits, woodchucks, geese, deer fawns, and other naturally occurring foods; the bad ones being those that eat Kibbles and Bits, cats, small dogs, and do not run away when they see you. Dr. Mitchell stressed that, if left to their natural habitat, coyotes will adjust their own population numbers based on food availability.

Dr. Mitchell’s presentation included several slides indicating the movement and habitat of the three to four coyote packs existing in Jamestown. Dr. Mitchell requested that the Council support the passive management of the Jamestown coyote, which would include no outdoor pet feeding (dog and cat food left outside draws coyote; as do small pets left outside); development of local ordinances to assist in the management of the coyote; and the education of residents on proper wildlife management practices.

In addition, Dr. Mitchell asked that the Council review and consider the adoption of the Coyote Management and Coexistence Plan to be submitted to all island communities.

Lori Gibson, Supervising Wildlife Biologist, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management – **DEER MANAGEMENT**

Ms. Gibson reported that in the 2007 – 2008 deer harvest for the town of Jamestown there were 41 deer harvested. Of the amount harvested there were 28 females and 13 males taken. There were 24 permits issued for Beavertail but only two deer were reported as being harvested.

Ms. Gibson noted that in order to reduce the deer herd in Jamestown the harvest rate would need to triple. The following suggestions to reduce the deer herd were made by Ms. Gibson:

Deer Management

- increase acreage at Beavertail
- habitat improvements at Beavertail (to allow for easier hunting access)
- enhance program by adding additional state and town open space properties
- do not feed wildlife
- awareness of tick-borne diseases
- install fences
- plant non-preferred ornamentals

The Council discussed the need for education prior to the deer hunting season to inform both hunters and land owners of the need for opening up property of ten acres or more to qualified hunters.

Larry Mouradjian, Associate Director, RIDEM, Department of Natural Resources, explained that he would expect it to be a perpetual deer season at Beavertail and that the State is prepared to work with the Town in order to assist in reducing the Jamestown deer herd.

Ms. Gibson and Mr. Mouradjian offered to return and assist the Council in a management plan for Jamestown and to educate the residents in the importance in reducing the deer herd.

There being no further discussion, Council President DiGiando opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

None

COUNCIL SITTING AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD

All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately.

It was requested that items #2 and 3 (d) be removed from the Consent Agenda
It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by White to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. So unanimously voted. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

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- 1) Adoption of Council minutes:
 - a) March 10, 2008 (regular session)
- 2)
- 3) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee – draft (10/17/2007)
 - b) Jamestown Conservation Commission (02/12/2008)
 - c) Planning Commission (02/20/2008)
 - d)
 - e) Tax Assessment Board of Review (02/13/2008)
 - f) Jamestown Traffic Commission (02/27/2008)
 - g) Library Board of Trustees (02/05/2008)
- 4) CRMC Notices:
 - a) March 2008 Calendar – Amended
 - b) Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 22, 2008 to change management plans, policies, procedures and regulations of the agency regarding planning and management of the coastal resources
 - c) Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
- 5) Other Notices:
 - a) GrowSmartRI Training re: Making Good Land-Use Decisions
- 6) Proclamations & Resolutions from other Rhode Island cities and towns
 - a) Warwick re: support of House Bill 7108
 - b) Portsmouth re: support of Amendments to RIGL 16-7-44. School Housing Project Costs
- 7) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes

2) Bills and Payroll

Councilor Kelly asked for additional information on the following bills:

Account	Vendor	Amount
70050.201	A. Lauriston Parks	\$5,854.25

The Town Administrator informed the Council that Mr. Parks continues to clear the title by way of a petition to foreclose the equity of redemption in Superior Court on property obtained by the Town through tax sales. Out of the forty-five (45) lots available, the Town has so far obtained clear title to twenty-two (22) of the properties.

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Councilor Szepatowski noted that Jamestown received a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation for the services of a student counselor. The counselor splits time between the school and the recreation center and works directly with students in grades five through eight. Jamestown has been a model program for Rhode Island Student Assistance Services and the counselor has been working through the school and the teen center to provide education and intervention through the D.A.R.E. program.

- 3) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - d) Affordable Housing Committee (08/06/2007)

Councilor Sutton addressed a comment made in the Affordable Housing Committee minutes about a request to the Town Administrator to send a letter to the Coast Guard

regarding the Beavertail Lighthouse. Councilor Sutton expressed concern that this communication was contrary to the Council's action. Town Planner Lisa Bryer informed the Council that this was only discussed at the Affordable Housing Committee meeting and that the Town Administrator was never officially contacted.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Sutton to approve the Bills and Payroll as submitted. So unanimously voted.

It was moved by Councilor Sutton, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the minutes from the Affordable Housing Committee. So unanimously voted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town Council may seek to go in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

None

COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

- 1) Town Administrator Report
 - a) Permanent appointments to Police Department
 - i) Tiffany Kopacz
 - ii) Rui J. Silva
 - iii) Theodore Hebert

It was moved by Councilor Sutton, seconded by Councilor Kelly to appoint Tiffany Kopacz, Rui J. Silva, and Theodore Hebert as permanent members of the Jamestown Police Department. So unanimously voted.

Upon questioning, Chief Tighe informed the Council that the Jamestown Police Department staff consists of the following:

- 4 full-time dispatchers
- 15 full-time officers
- 1 animal control officer
- 1 clerk
- 1 seasonal eight-month harbor master
- 1 seasonal part-time harbor master

- b) Former Jamestown Landfill
 - i) Status of the closure of the Former Jamestown Landfill as requested by RIDEM, Office of Waste Management

The Town Administrator reported that, as stated in the letter from Laurie Grandchamp, Supervising Engineer Office of Waste Management, the Town must provide a written update outlining the progress of the remedial design for the closure of the former landfill.

Because the plan has financial consequences it will be part of the budgetary work session. The Town's engineering consultant, GZA GeoEnvironmental has updated their estimate

of cost to between \$750,000 and \$800,000. However, it is believed that in an effort to defray costs, the Town will be allowed to provide some of the workforce under the guidance of GZA. In discussing closure requirements, it was thought that the Town would be able to provide some of the soil cover by using clean excavating fill from other Town projects. The Council also considered the feasibility of providing a site at the former landfill for the composting of leaves and grass to provide for additional soil cover.

It was suggested that the Town Administrator request an additional 30 day response time from RIDEM in order to allow for budget review and plan development; however, it was pointed out that it is not the plan that has the 30 day deadline, but is the letter of intent.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Town Engineer, Michael Gray, would present an update to the Council at the April 14, 2008 meeting.

ii) Fourth Quarter 2007 Environmental Monitoring report
The Town Administrator stated that the summary presented by GZA GeoEnvironmental shows a continued trend of no exceedance.

There was some discussion on the requirements for continued monitoring at the former landfill. It was noted that RIDEM regulations state that the monitoring must be continued for thirty years. Presently, Jamestown is in year fifteen.

c) Review of House Bill H 7776 amending Chapter 28-7 of the General Laws entitled "Labor Relations Act"; if favorable, recommendation to forward resolution of support
The Town Administrator stated that House Bill H7776 proposes an amendment to Chapter 28-7 of the General Laws entitled "Labor Relations Act" by adding the following section, 28-7-49 *there be no limitation on health care benefit providers – no collective bargaining agreement covering any group or groups of state employees, public school teachers or employees or any city or town shall specify that an employer must procure a health care benefit plan from a specific provider of such plans. The technical qualifications of the health care benefit plan, to be contracted for, shall not be framed or constructed in a manner designed to identify and exclusive provider of said health care services.*

The Town Administrator noted that the Town is protected on the municipal side by contractual language that specifically states "Blue Cross ~~or~~ equivalent plan", allowing the Town to provide an alternative providers plan as long as the coverage is matched.

In addressing Council questions, Catherine Kaiser, School Committee Chair, stated that the school contracts specifically allow that provider changes must be mutually agreed upon.

Following Council discussion, it was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szeptowski to support H-7776 amending Chapter 28-7 of the General Laws entitled "Labor Relations Act. So unanimously voted.

d) Rhode Island Energy Aggregation Program – Renewable Power

The Council reviewed the possibility of purchasing renewable energy through the Rhode Island Energy Aggregation Program at the cost of approximately \$0.01/kWh more than non-renewable energy. It was estimated that the cost would be an additional energy cost of approximately \$11,000.00 to purchase the estimated average annual kilowatt hour usage of 1.1 million for Jamestown or \$.005 on the tax rate.

The Council discussed their concern with any additional costs to the Jamestown taxpayer, while being sensitive to the needs of providing renewable energy. The Council discussed the possibility of not only purchasing renewable energy for the general municipal accounts (Town's energy), but also for the water and sewer plants.

It was moved by Councilor Sutton, seconded by Councilor Kelly to purchase 100% of the Town's energy usage as renewable power. So unanimously voted.

It was the consensus of the Council to put the Rhode Island Energy Aggregation Program to purchase renewable energy on the agenda for discussion at the Board of Water and Sewer meeting.

2) Traffic Commission Report and Recommendations for Council action

The Council reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Traffic Commission.

Crosswalk located at Narragansett Avenue/Conanicus Avenue

The view for vehicles heading south on Conanicus Avenue and turning right onto Narragansett Avenue is blocked by the tree located at the crosswalk. The Traffic Commission recommends that the Council send a letter to the State Traffic Commission requesting that a study be conducted for the possibility of relocating the crosswalk to a point east of its present location.

Parking on Walcott Avenue

Residents are unable to receive their mail if a vehicle is blocking their mailbox. The Traffic Commission recommends that the Council send a letter to the State Traffic Commission requesting a study to review the parking situation on Walcott Avenue that would prohibit parking on the east side of Walcott Avenue from Brook Street south to High Street and relocate the parking on the west side of Walcott Avenue from Brook Street south to High Street.

East Ferry Wharf

A request from the owner of Grapes and Gourmet has been reviewed, requesting that the ordinance allowing for two parking spaces in front of the shop as 15 minute parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. be changed to allow 15 minute parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Union Street

In order to free up three parking spaces along Union Street that could be used by the residents of Union Street, the Traffic Commission recommends that the Council change the ordinance to: **Union Street**, no parking on the northerly side from its intersections with Conanicus Avenue westerly for a ~~distance of 200 feet~~ to a distance of 109 feet.

Coronado Street

To allow for a loading zone and help keep large trucks off Narragansett Avenue while making deliveries to some local businesses, the Traffic Commission recommended the following ordinance change; from: **Coronado Street, No parking on easterly side from its intersection with Narragansett Avenue northerly for a distance of ninety (90) feet** to: Sixty (60) minute loading zone only on the easterly side from its intersection with Narragansett Avenue northerly for a distance of ninety (90) feet.

Chief Tighe, Traffic Commission Chair, noted that changes to the parking ordinance; specifically Section 70-87 prohibited or restricted parking on specified streets, would require an advertised hearing.

In answer to the Council's concern about parking in the business district, Chief Tighe informed the Council that he would be attending a meeting to discuss this with the business owners.

In addition to the above, the Council raised concerns regarding the crosswalk located at the Recreation Center.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to instruct the Town Administrator to forward a letter to the State requesting a review of the following issues, as requested by the Traffic Commission:

1. Crosswalk located at Narragansett and Conanicus Avenue
2. Crosswalk located at the Recreation Center
3. Parking on Walcott Street

So unanimously voted.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to advertise the following proposed parking ordinance amendments for hearing, as requested by the Traffic Commission:

1. East Ferry Wharf
2. Union Street
3. Coronado Street

So unanimously voted.

The Town Solicitor informed the Council that all ordinance amendments should be submitted to him for review prior to advertisement.

PUBLIC HEARING (continued from March 10, 2008)

- 1) Proposed amendment to Chapter 26, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I (duly advertised for hearing in the Jamestown Press on February 28, 2008)

Council President DiGiando explained that this hearing is a continuation of the March 10th hearing on the proposed amendment to Chapter 26, Article I, Sections 2, 3 and 4. President DiGiando noted that the proposed amendments would bring the Jamestown Code of Ordinance in compliance with the Rhode Island State Code.

Councilor DiGiando opened the public hearing for comment up at 8:25 p.m.

Sav Rebecchi, Sail Street, stated that based on last years permits and using the new formula, there would be only \$3,000 - \$4,000 of revenue, rather than the \$20,000 that Fire Chief Bryer has indicated would be realized by the proposed changes to the fee schedule.

The Town Administrator noted that this is one part of a two part fee issue relative to fire alarm inspection program. Included in the Chief's estimate of revenue are the commercial fire alarm inspection fees, which would be set at \$300.00 per year maintenance and testing fee for commercial establishments.

Mr. Rebecchi asked if Councilor Kelly, as the photographer for the Fire Department, should recuse himself from this vote.

Susan Little, North Main Road, asked when the hearing was advertised and if the changes regarding the floor plans have been added to the amendment.

The Town Clerk noted that the hearing was duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on February 28, 2008.

There being no further comment, Councilor DiGiando closed the public comment portion of the hearing at 8:30 p.m.

The Council discussed the concerns that were raised at the beginning of the hearing on March 10, 2008. Specifically, what type of plans the Fire Department required for their inspections to residential properties.

The Town Administrator noted that the funds raised from the fees would be allocated to the fire prevention services fund and used to cover the salary of the Fire Marshal in the conduct of his duties.

Councilor Kelly noted that there was no reason for him to recuse from this vote as he, as an honorary member of the Fire Department, has received no compensation for any photography work that he has done for the Fire Department.

Councilor Szepatowski suggested that the ordinance should be changed to state that the floor plans would be returned to the owner.

Fire Chief Tighe reviewed the necessary requirements for submitting plans to the Fire Department. Chief Tighe noted that the Fire Department would hold one set of floor plans for use in inspections, and in some cases it would also be necessary to have a site plan in order to review underground utilities and water sources on large properties. Chief Tighe also noted that the plans are held in a locked cabinet.

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor to adopt the proposed amendment to the Jamestown Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I Sec. 26-2 through Section 26-4 with the following change:

In Section 26-2 (a) and 26-3 (a) **change** “Every request for a plan review for one, two or three family dwellings by the Jamestown Fire Department shall be accompanied by three (3) ~~complete sets of building plans~~ to three sets of final floor plans and site plans as necessary”

So unanimously voted.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1) Request from Armenian National Committee of RI to fly flag at town hall
 - a) Jamestown Flag Policy adopted by the Jamestown Town Council on May 29, 2001

It was moved by Councilor Sutton, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to instruct the Town Clerk to forward a letter to Stephen Elmasian, Armenian National Committee Co-Chairman to inform him that after reviewing the Jamestown flag policy, there has been no change. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Letter from Anthony J. Rafanelli, Chair, Jamestown Special Education Local Advisory Committee in support of the 2008-2009 school budget

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to accept the letter from Anthony J. Rafanelli. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Copy of letter to Karen McGuire from Dr. Elizabeth A. Raky re: sole source aquifer

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to accept the communication from Dr. Elizabeth A. Raky. So unanimously voted.

- 4) Request from Mary Vieira and Glen Spears to set up a tent for a commitment ceremony at the Conanicut Battery on July 5, 2008

The Town Administrator explained that this is the first request that the Town has had to use the Conanicut Battery for a public function. The Town Administrator noted that he met with the Town Planner, Town Clerk and Dennis Webster, liaison for the Conanicut Battery to discuss a policy for its use. Mr. Webster has been working directly with Ms. Vieira and has informed her that there should be no food or alcohol served and that the Battery could not accommodate a large number of cars. The Town Administrator asked if the Council would like to allow the use of the Battery for this commitment ceremony, while he continues to work on a policy for future uses.

The Council discussed other town-owned property being used for functions and the requirements that must be met. They expressed concern that there is limited parking and questioned what the liability to the Town would be.

The Town Administrator stated that Ms. Vieira will be required to provide an insurance policy to indemnify the Town and that all concerns would be addressed when setting the policy for future usage.

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to accept the communication from Mary Vieira and Glen Spears and to allow them to use Battery Park (Conanicut Battery) for a commitment ceremony on July 5, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as outlined in their proposal dated March 10, 2008. So unanimously voted.

- 5) Copy of letter to RIDEM from Michael Foster and Tricia Foster re:
proposed onsite wastewater treatment system for property located at plat
5, lot 192, Neptune Street

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor Kelly to accept the letter from Michael and Tricia Foster. So unanimously voted.

The Council discussed the proposed State regulations relating to cumulative impact on the water supply in the Jamestown Shores. The Town Administrator noted that RIDEM is fighting the environmental issues and have put more focus on the private well monitoring that they are developing which would require well testing and reporting at the time of property transfer. The Town Administrator stated that the Town Engineer reports that RIDEM continues to work on the cumulative impact regulations, as required by the legislation that was passed; however, at this point it is a work in progress

It was the consensus of the Council that cumulative impact be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

- 7) Report from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. re: Fourth Quarter 2007
Environmental Monitoring Report – Former Jamestown Landfill

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to accept the fourth quarter 2007 report from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. So unanimously voted.

LICENSES & PERMITS

All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

1) **Exhibition License with Vendors Application**

- a) Fireworks Display (no vendors)*
Applicant: Gregg R. Charest, Ship St.
Date: July 5, 2008 (rain date July 6)
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12 Midnight
Place: Mackerel Cove Beach (West side)

*License is incomplete and cannot be issued without required information.

Gregg Charest and Kerry Sheehan appeared before the Council to state that they are contracting with TELSTAR, the same vendor used by the Rocket Dawgs, for the fireworks display. Upon questioning, Mr. Charest noted that he and Mr. Sheehan are familiar with the fundraising for this project and that they do not expect any problems.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Sutton to approve the Exhibition License for the fireworks display for Gregg Charest with the instructions that if there are any changes in vendor, Mr. Charest must return to the Council for permission. So unanimously voted.

- b) 7th Annual Ali Dunn-Packer Memorial Road Race (with vendor)
Applicant: Maureen Dunn Packer
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Fort Getty Pavilion

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to approve the Exhibition License for the Ali Dunn-Packer Memorial Road Race on June 1, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and to waive the \$5.00 fee. So unanimously voted.

There was a general discussion by the Council relating to the number of events being held in Jamestown with hundreds of participants. Concern was raised as to what impact these events have on residents, as well as the cost to the Town to host them.

It was the consensus of the Council to instruct the Town Administrator to present a list of events and their costs to be reviewed by the Council at their May 12, 2008 Council meeting. In addition, the Council asked for an accounting of monies raised by the non-profit organizations that were given licenses. The Town Administrator stated that he would amend the license application to include a line requesting who benefits from the fund raising event.

2) **Holiday License Application (New)**

- a) Applicant: David J. Urban
Corp. Name: Urban Flowers LLC, dba The Secret Garden
Address: 12 Southwest Avenue

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to approve the Holiday License to Urban Flowers LLC, dba The Secret Garden. So unanimously voted.

3) **Holiday License Renewal Application**

- a) Applicant: Barbara & Michael Gallo

dba: Theatre Family Restaurant
Address: 34 Narragansett Avenue

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to approve the Holiday License Renewal to the Theatre Family Restaurant. So unanimously voted.

4) **One Day Peddler & Entertainment License – Fort Getty Pavilion**

a) Applicant: Maureen Dunn Packer
dba: Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund
Date: June 1, 2008
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Fort Getty Pavilion
Type of Entertainment: DJ

It was moved by Councilor Sutton, seconded by Councilor White to approve the One Day Peddler and Entertainment License to Maureen Dunn Packer for the Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund Road Race on June 1, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to waive the fee. So unanimously voted.

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled request to address

a) Representative Bruce J. Long

Representative Long gave a verbal update on pending legislation.

b) Arthur Christman re: water contamination from pump out house at Tashtassuc Rd. and North Rd. and frozen run-off (danger to cars and pedestrians)

Mr. Christman asked why the Council was allowing South Pond to be contaminated with the over flow from the RIDOT pump house at the corner of Tashtassuc Road and North Road. Mr. Christman also asked why some residents are being allowed to water their lawns, while others are not allowed and fined. Mr. Christman stated that if Jamestown is a sole source aquifer all residents should be treated the same.

The Town Administrator stated that he would review the issues.

2) Non-scheduled request to address

Patrick Bolger, Fore Royal Court, commented that the landfill closure is the most important health issue that the Council will act on. Mr. Bolger alleged that the landfill has not been in compliance with RIDEM for twenty consecutive years, and five years ago GZA GeoEnvironmental reported that the water under the landfill was unsafe. Mr. Bolger asked that the Council review the documents that he submitted to the Town Administrator in the past in order to be brought up to speed with the status of the landfill. Mr. Bolger cited several reports submitted by GZA. Mr. Bolger noted that the cost of the closure is unknown at this time because of incomplete engineering requirements and asked what the closure costs would be for the drainage, cover, road work and permits for wetlands.

Councilor Sutton pointed out that he has read the GZA reports and that they state in their

conclusions and recommendations “there are no exceedances of Federal safe drinking water standards in any of the wells.”

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Former Town Office-44 Southwest Avenue (cont. from 03/17/08-Water and Sewer meeting)
 - a) Proposed Purchase and Sales Agreement with Church Community Housing

Stephen Ostiguy, Executive Director of Church Community Housing, was present for any questions that the Council might have.

The Town Administrator stated that the scope of the project has been changed from nine units of rental housing to three units of home ownership. After reviewing the appraisal submitted by Hogan & Associate, the proposed purchase price has been changed from \$425,000 to \$540,000. Other changes mentioned by the Town Administrator related to the funding sources.

The Town Solicitor reported that he has reviewed the agreement and it is in order.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor White to move forward with the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the purchase of 44 Southwest Avenue for \$540,000 by Church Community Housing and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the appropriate documents for the Town. So unanimously voted.

Upon a request by Councilor Szepatowski, it was the consensus of the Council to consider the garage as a 4th unit for home ownership for the handicapped. This unit could be considered for a one bedroom, 650 sq. ft. home.

- 2) Sole Source Aquifer (cont. from 03/17/08-Water and Sewer meeting)

Councilor Sutton read a written statement indicating that he is in opposition to the designation of the entirety of Conanicut Island as a sole source aquifer. Mr. Sutton ended his statement noting that he did not believe that Jamestown is a sole source aquifer, either by EPA definition or the reality of the Conanicut Island geology and did not believe that the Town Council should be supporting an application to a federal agency that is inaccurate in its facts and conclusions that identifies Conanicut Island as a sole source aquifer.

No Council action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program; if favorable, resolution to authorize the Town Administrator to file the application with the Community Development office

The Town Planner informed the Council that the required hearings have been held for the FY2008 CDBG Program. Ms. Bryer noted that the Town of Jamestown applies each year for funding under this program for the following range of activities:

- Provision of employment opportunities for low and moderate income individuals;
- Improved housing opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals; and
- Provision of community facilities and services principally benefiting low and moderate-income families and individuals.

Ms. Bryer presented the following request for Town Council endorsement in the amount of \$272,780:

- 1) Housing Development: Provide funding to Church Community Housing Corporation for the acquisition of Town Office property on Southwest Avenue to create 3 units of Homeownership housing to serve low and moderate-income families.
Amount: \$200,000 (not subject to \$250,000 limit)
- 2) Operating Costs: Church Community Housing Corp to administer the Regional Revolving Loan Fund for home rehabilitation, Homeowners Assistance, other town housing programs and RI Housing Loan programs in Jamestown.
Amount: \$20,000
- 3) Public Facility: Provide funding for East Bay Community Action to make capital improvements to their medical, dental and services facilities that assist for low income families.
Amount: \$5,000
- 4) Public Facility: Provide funding to the Jamestown Housing Authority to make capital improvements to the Pemberton Apartments housing facility serving low and moderate-income families.
Amount: \$12,780
- 5) Public Facility: Provide funding for Friends of Jamestown Seniors to make capital improvements to the Senior Center.
Amount: \$7,000
- 6) Housing Development: Provide funding to the Women's Resource Center for the acquisition of property to be used for transitional housing to serve victims of domestic violence.
Amount: \$10,000 (not subject to \$250,000 limit)
- 7) Economic Development: Support for the Women's Resource Center to provide economic literacy education and micro-enterprise services for victims of domestic violence.
Amount: \$5,000

- 8) Public Services: Provide operating support for the Housing Hotline of Newport County to provide housing counseling and referral services.
Amount: \$2,000
- 9) Housing Operating: Provide operating support to the Community Housing Land Trust of RI for technical assistance, training and monitoring of affordable housing units.
Amount: \$3,000
- 10) Public Facility: Provide funding for Friends of Jamestown Seniors to make capital improvements to the Senior Center.
Amount: \$7,000
- 11) Administration:
Amount: \$5,000

It was moved by Councilor Szepatowski, seconded by Councilor White to approve the priority list of funding as submitted by the Town Planner in the amount of \$272,780. So unanimously voted.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to send a cover letter with the Resolution strongly supporting the investment in the Jamestown community. So unanimously voted.

2) Council Liaison to the Conservation Commission (per Council President)
It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor White to appoint Councilor Szepatowski as the liaison to the Conservation Commission. So unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor White to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk

c: Town Council Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Administrative Circulation