



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Jamestown Town Hall**  
**Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers**  
**93 Narragansett Avenue**  
**Monday, April 10, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

*The public is welcome to participate in this Town Council meeting. Open Forum offers citizens the opportunity to clarify an item on the agenda, address items not on the agenda, or comment on a communication or Consent Agenda item. Citizens are welcome to speak to the subject of a Public Hearing, and are allowed to speak at the discretion of the Council President or a majority of Councilors present, or at other times during the meeting, in particular during New or Unfinished Business.*

*Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room, stating their name and address for the record; comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. It is the Town Council's hope that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other's right to speak, tolerant of different points of view, and mindful of everyone's time.*

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND 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.*

**A) Public Hearings:**

(The two proposed ordinance amendments listed as follows seek to limit weapons discharges in the Town)

- 1) Proposed Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V. Weapons, Sec. 38-112 Definitions (new); Sec. 38-113 Firearm Discharge (new); Sec. 38-114 Use of Weapons in Self-Defense and Hunting (new); and Sec. 38-115 Enforcement (new); duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press* March 30<sup>th</sup> edition; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- 2) Proposed Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V. Weapons, Sec. 38-112 Definitions (new); Sec. 38-113 Firearm Discharge (new); Sec. 38-114 Use of Weapons in Self-Defense and Hunting (new); and Sec. 38-115 Enforcement (new); duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press* March 30<sup>th</sup> edition; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

**IV. OPEN FORUM**

*Please note that, under scheduled requests to address, if the topic of the address is available to be put on the agenda, the Council may discuss the issue*

- A) Scheduled to address
- B) Non-scheduled to address

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A) In favor of Regulating Firearms Discharges on private property in the Town of Jamestown; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
  - 1) Email of Bill Munger in favor of regulating firearms discharges
  - 2) Email of Cynthia Leonard in favor of regulating firearms discharges
  
- B) In favor of Prohibiting Firearms Discharges on private property in the Town of Jamestown; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
  - 1) Email of Elizabeth Delude-Dix in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 2) Email of John and Betsy Taylor in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 3) Email of Paul Sanford in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 4) Email of Hannah M. Swett in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 5) Email of Marcy Magrattan in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 6) Email of Tom and Joan Swift in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 7) Email of Lucia Marshall in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 8) Letter of Edwina Cloherty in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 9) Email of Sue Maden in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 10) Email of Duval Slingluff in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 11) Email of David Booth with newspaper article in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 12) Email of Robert Zimmerman in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 13) Email of Katherine Grimes in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 14) Email of Steve Heath in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 15) Email of Jane Wright in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 16) Email of Sandra and Donald Beaugard in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 17) Email of Jane Garnett in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 18) Email of Chris Cannon in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 19) Email of Jeff Nickol in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 20) Email of Merrill Sherman in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 21) Email of Peter Marcus in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 22) Email of Noreen Drexel in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 23) Email of Donald and Nancy Miller in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 24) Email of Michelle Snoeren in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 25) Email of Pieter Snoeren in favor of banning firearms discharges
  - 26) Email of Jim Estes in favor of banning firearms discharges

- 27) Email of Peter Wilson in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 28) Email of Ken Schadegg and Robert Upham in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 29) Email of Andrew, Suzanne, Samara, and Ani Ayvazian in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 30) Email of Virginia Pritchett in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 31) Email of Joan Faella in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 32) Email of Abigail Campbell King in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 33) Email of Durga Larkin in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 34) Email of Janet and Walter Cooper in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 35) Email of Josy Wright in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 36) Email of Charles Schmidt and Marie Schappert in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 37) Email of Harry Wright in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 38) Email of Deborah Meagher in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 39) Email of Diane Terry in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 40) Email of Chris Terry in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 41) Email of Patricia Lager in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 42) Email of Terry Lanza in favor of banning firearms discharges
- 43) Letter of Liz Brazil in favor of banning firearms discharges

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

***Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Philomenian Library. In addition to the two above-mentioned locations, notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at [www.jamestownri.gov](http://www.jamestownri.gov).***

NOTE: This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to [cfernstrom@jamestownri.net](mailto:cfernstrom@jamestownri.net) not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

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NOTE: words set as ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words underlined are to be added to the ordinance.

See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter 38 of the Town of Jamestown’s Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Ad Date(s): March 30, 2017

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Action: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 **Exhibit A**

2 **Sec. 38-111. - Use of rifled firearm while hunting.**

3 No person shall, while hunting within the town, use a rifled firearm, other than a shotgun  
4 outfitted with a rifled barrel or a muzzleloader with a rifled barrel.

5 **Sec. 38-112. Definitions.**

6 The following definitions shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this chapter:

7 “Building”: any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy,  
8 including but not limited to a dwelling, and or accessory building or structure.

9 “Discharge”: the operation of a firearm as to cause the ignition of the powder charge with or  
10 without the expulsion of a projectile from the firearm.

11 "Firearm": includes any machine gun, pistol, rifle, air rifle, air pistol, "blank gun," "BB gun," or  
12 other instrument from which steel or metal projectiles are propelled, or which may readily be  
13 converted to expel a projectile, except crossbows, recurve, compound, or longbows, and except  
14 instruments propelling projectiles which are designed or normally used for a primary purpose  
15 other than as a weapon. The frame or receiver of the weapon shall be construed as a firearm  
16 under the provisions of this section.

17 “Recreational Target Range”: a non-commercial target range which may be located indoors or  
18 outdoors to practice the discharge of weapons aimed at a target.

19 **Sec. 38-113 Firearm Discharge.**

20 Conanicut Island is determined and declared to be a compact area as that term is set forth  
21 pursuant to the relevant provisions of the R.I. General Laws at Title 11, Chapter 47, Section 50,  
22 as amended, except for those areas of the Island with the zoning designation of RR-200 or RR-  
23 80, as set forth in the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82 – Zoning, at 82-301 and the  
24 Official Zoning Map, as amended. No person, not being at the time under police or military duty,  
25 shall Discharge any Firearm on Conanicut Island in the Town of Jamestown, except as follows:

- 26 1. Legal hunting activity as defined by state and local regulations.
- 27 2. Target shooting on private property by the property owner or guest with written  
28 permission of the property owner on a Recreational Target Range.
- 29 3. Use of a Recreational Target Range is restricted to the time period between 10:00 AM  
30 to 6:00 PM, Wednesday through Saturday; provided, however, that all activity must  
31 cease 30 minutes before sunset on a year-round basis.
- 32 4. All prudent safety measures shall be exercised to protect the public health, safety and  
33 welfare.
- 34 5. The point of Discharge of any Firearm and the point of impact from any target, berm  
35 or backstop shall be a minimum distance of 500' feet from any Building.
- 36 6. The point of Discharge of any Firearm and the point of impact from any target, berm  
37 or backstop may be less than that set forth in paragraph 5, supra, if, and only if, the

1 owner or owners of any Building within 500' from the point of Discharge and the  
2 point of impact from a target, berm or backstop provides written permission for the  
3 point of Discharge and the point of impact from any target, berm or backstop being  
4 less than that required.

- 5 7. In no case shall any target, berm or backstop be located greater than 100' from any  
6 point of Discharge of any Firearm.

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8 No person shall Discharge any Firearm in such fashion that the shot, bullets, arrows, darts or  
9 other missiles shall in their flight carry over, along or across the land of another, any public  
10 roadway, designated public walking path, access way, sidewalk, hiking trail, park area, or bike  
11 path, into which they shall not have written permission of the owner and occupant thereof to  
12 shoot. Such written permission shall be carried on the person at all times when engaged in the  
13 activity and shall be shown and exhibited upon request by the police.

14 **Sec 38-114. Use of weapons in self-defense and hunting.**

15 No provision of this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the use of Firearms by licensed  
16 armed guards or by private persons in the Town for the protection or defense of person or  
17 property and/or hunting in accordance with applicable provisions of the General Laws.

18 **Sec. 38-115. Enforcement.**

19 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1-15.

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**From:** BM  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:37 PM  
**To:** Chris Cannon  
**Cc:** Andrew Nota; trockijamestowntc@gmail.com; Blake Dickinson; Mary E. Meagher; Gene Mihaly; Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Re: Ad in Thursday's Jamestown Press regarding Backyard Shooting

Hello Chris,

Thank you for your alert regarding target shooting to be run in the Jamestown Press.

However ,for numerous years Jamestown residents have supported Jamestown's "rural character" time and again on every resident survey .

So...along with that , Are your concerns relative to target noise or a stray high powered stray bullet?

Can there be a compromise to specific days / times where target shooting is permitted/ banned?

Likewise to limits of bullet cal so you fear not of the 3 mile projectile?

Chris, I cannot support your total ban proposal as I have had much fun shooting targets with a small 22 cal rifle.

Is there a middle ground here that would satisfy your concerns?

My Best,

Sent from I phone  
Bill Munger CMM, Founder & President  
Conanicut Marine Services Inc  
(M) 401-862-2000 (O) 401-423-1556  
[www.conanicutmarina.com](http://www.conanicutmarina.com)

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Cynthia Leonard  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 8:32 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Do NOT ban backyard target shooting

I am responding to the paid advertisement in *The Press* on page 3 suggesting that you be emailed about the upcoming meeting/vote on the backyard target shooting.

I encourage the town council to **not** ban backyard target shooting and to **not** change or add an ordinance in regard to target shooting on private land. I fully believe the issue is that of noise and not a safety issue.

Cynthia Leonard  
**Ocean Avenue**  
**Jamestown**

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Elizabeth Delude-Dix  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Shooting range

Elizabeth Delude-Dix  
1070 East Shore Road  
Jamestown RI

March 14, 2017

Dear members of the Town Council,

I am writing to ask that you ban firearm shooting ranges in Jamestown.

I live at the North End. If the proposed ordinance which allows ranges in RR 80 and RR 200 were to pass I feel my safety and those of my neighbors and pets would be in greater jeopardy. We are one small island. The North End is more densely settled today than it was even a few years ago. Please take our public safety into consideration when voting on shooting ranges in Jamestown.

Thank you for your service.

Regards,

Elizabeth Delude-Dix

Cheryl Fernstrom

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Re: Shooting range

Dear Council Members Kristine Trocki, Gene Mihaly, Blake Dickinson, Mike White and Mary Meagher;

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While we are not full-time residents of Jamestown, it is where we retreat to the sounds of the sea and the songs of Jamestown's many songbirds. So, we are concerned when we learned the Town Council consideration of backyard shooting ranges and it's accompanying racket. Obviously, we would urge that the action of the Council next week is for a permanent ban on such activities on the island.

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Jamestowners have opted for a quieter, more rural version of the "commons" in both principle and practice...not to mention the reliance on property taxes for our Town's services. So, a commercial gun range is out-of-place with our peaceful avocations of golf, bird-watching, fishing and sailing. If only the Town had jurisdiction over jetskis!

Please vote on April 10th to ban all such gun range activity from our sanctuary.

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Sincerely,  
John & Betsy Taylor  
10 Ferry St

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Paul D. Sanford  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 11:55 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** 21 Helm street

Use common sense

Can't have people shooting in backyard. If so we are moving off this island

Paul Sanford

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Hannah M Swett  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:31 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Cc:** Chris Cannon  
**Subject:** Total ban

Please vote total ban on shooting in Jamestown. As a mother of two small children there is no place for ranges on Jamestown

Please pass along to council members

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Hannah M Swett  
917 853 1473

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**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Darcy Magratten  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Total ban on shooting ranges in Jamestown

Cheryl, please forward this email to Council Members Kristine, Gene, Mary, Mike and Blake with my thanks.

Dear Council Members,

I ask you to please ban shooting ranges on our island.

I believe that everyone has a right to their hobbies and that zoned commercial shooting ranges have every right to exist, but I object to recreational shooting ranges anywhere on Conanicut Island for the following reasons:

People walk their properties, kids explore woods, pets wander — there are a gazillion reasons and ways to enjoy Jamestown. The beauty of this island is incomparable, and we are so fortunate to live in a quiet, peaceful place. People come many miles to experience what we have every day. Why would we permit this increasingly rare solitude and enjoyment of the outdoors to be interrupted by gun shots and pursuant alarm? Especially when there are at least 3 safe, protected, and monitored ranges with multiple shooting opportunities within 10 miles.

With a population of 6100 people living in 9.4 sq. miles, surely the density alone precludes the discharge of firearms. People do not stay protected in their homes 24/7. Jamestown is not a place of wide open, flat spaces. How can a shooter see the distance a bullet can go, anticipate what he or she can not see nor guarantee that there will be no mishaps? They can not, which is precisely why commercial shooting ranges are constructed and zoned the way they are.

Jamestown should not provide what amounts to a convenience for a few when the discharge of firearms will clearly disturb the peace, create undue anxiety, and risk death, damage or injury. This has nothing to do with taking away the right to bear arms, nor taking away the right to use property as owner's see fit. As mentioned, there are quite a few safe ranges within easy driving distance. In regards to zoning, it is clear to me that allowing shooting ranges on any land in Jamestown, interferes with existing uses, and does nothing to preserve the character of the island and its community.

Sincerely,

Darcy Magratten  
100 Clinton Avenue  
Jamestown

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Cc:** ccannon160@gmail.com; jgswift@aol.com  
**Subject:** Jamestown Total Ban on use of Firearms

Cheryl Fernstrom. My name is Tom Swift. My wife Joan and I live in Jamestown at 40 Emerson Road. The ownership of this property is held in Trust by Geoff Swift and David Lawrence.

We are in favor of a total ban on using firearms in the town of Jamestown. Only a complete ban on the use of firearms will provide the safety this wonderful, family oriented town deserves and is a positive reason why many of us live here and enjoy raising our children here.

In the event the council decides to allow a partial ban on the use of firearms it is our hope the area permitted would include only the most sparsely built up land on the island.

We would appreciate your passing this message along to members of the town council.

Thank you

Tom and Joan Swift



Cheryl Fernstrom

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**From:** Lucia Marshal n]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Total Ban on Firearm Shooting in Jamestown

Cheryl,

Can you please forward this to all of the council members? Many thanks!

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Dear Jamestown Town Council Members:

I write to voice my deep concern over the possibility of allowing shooting in the RR80 and RR200 zones of Jamestown and to encourage a total ban of shooting in these zones. Though these areas generally contain larger plots of land, they are nonetheless too closely settled to make me feel comfortable having firearms being used. Many of the properties in our neighborhood in the Dumplings, while zoned RR80, are non-conforming. My own property is way too close to most of my neighbors for me to feel comfortable having anyone use a firearm either on my property or on theirs. There are just too many opportunities for an accident to happen. Whereas on a large farm where a stray bullet might simply go a bit farther off into a field or into a wooded area, in our neighborhood and others zoned similarly to ours, a stray bullet could easily land very close to a neighbor's living space. With so many friends, relatives, and youths all over Jamestown in the summer months, I fear that a tragedy is waiting to happen.

My mother's best friend and next-door neighbor growing up nearly killed her father in a freak accident involving a firearm. My grandfather happened, by complete chance, to bend over to pick something up from the ground as a bullet whizzed through the window near him and struck the wall above him. I'm sure there are so many close calls similar to this, and through no one's fault or intention, innocent people are hurt or killed.

While I don't want to limit individuals' rights to use their firearms legally, I think it is their duty as well as ours to ensure that they do so in the safest possible manner. I can see no place for firearms in neighborhoods. With Jamestown ongoing reports of low to no crime, I can't make an argument for the right to use firearms in these areas even in self defense.

I urge you to maintain a total ban on firearms in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this serious issue.

Sincerely,

Lucia Marshall  
32 Dumpling Drive  
Jamestown, RI

14 Pierce Ave  
Jamestown, RI  
24 March 2017

Members  
Jamestown Town Council  
RE: Target shooting in Jamestown.

No rational person would vote for  
Option 2.

I hope you all support option 1:  
No target shooting on Jamestown -  
Period. Travel to a shooting range.

Sincerely,  
Edwina Clebert

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Sue Maden ]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** target shooting

I would like to register my opinion that the town council should pass an ordinance which bans all target shooting in Jamestown.

Sue Maden  
30 West Bay View Drive  
Jamestown

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**From:** Duval Slingluff  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** total target shooting ban

As a Jamestown resident, I ask all of my Town Council representatives to VOTE FOR THE TOTAL TARGET SHOOTING BAN.

Thank you in advance for representing me.  
Duval Slingluff  
19 Prudence Rd

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** David G Booth  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 7:12 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target Shooting  
**Attachments:** Chatham Press Aug 14 1975.pdf

Cheryl,  
Please forward to the Town Council members.  
Thank you,  
David

To: Kristine Trocki,  
Gene Mihaly  
Blake Dickinson  
Mike White  
Mary Meagher

I am sure you are getting bombarded with opinions regarding the target shooting issue, but thought I'd add my opinion anyway.

While target shooting at homes sounds like someone doing what they want on their own land and therefore OK, I think it is inherently dangerous. When I was in Washington DC for a summer job in 1975 during my college years, a man in my New Jersey hometown was working on his roof on the Fourth of July and was killed from an errant shot fired from about three miles away. I Googled the incident last week and attach one of the newspaper stories of the event. I emphasize that a rifle was fired from three miles away and killed somebody just outside in the wrong spot as the bullet returned to land.

When I tried to find that hometown story on Google today, the search showed this is not rare. Here is another example - [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1990-07-24/news/9003020350\\_1\\_unemployed-truck-driver-thomas-smith-sentenced](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1990-07-24/news/9003020350_1_unemployed-truck-driver-thomas-smith-sentenced)

And there are a lot of other stories like these.

I urge you to vote in favor of a complete ban on target shooting. Times have changed, Jamestown has changed, and if this was ever acceptable it is not in the Jamestown and times we now live in. Everyone is at risk if we allow this practice to continue.

Thanks for reading this,  
David Booth  
333 Beavertail Road

CHATHAM PRESS AUG 14 1975

# Suspect Charged In July 4 Shooting

Wilbert Schallis of Morris Township has been charged with hindering police investigation in connection with the accidental death of Jean Boulanger as he was tarring the porch roof of his Shumpke home on July 4.

The suspect, who is 49, has been charged with four counts of obstructing justice and a single count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

These charges stem from the fact that Schallis gave false information to the police during the early part of the investigation, that he

tried to destroy the rifle which he fired the day of the shooting, and that he apparently allowed a minor to shoot the firearm.

Chatham Township police stress that it still has not been established that the rifle owned by the suspect was responsible for the accidental death. They are awaiting reports from ballistics experts at Trenton who are reconstructing a bullet which was shot by Schallis on July 4 to kill a snapping turtle near his home. This bullet, which was badly damaged when dug up, will then be com-

pared with the one taken from Mr. Boulanger's body.

In reviewing the sequence of the investigation, local police said that among the many calls received shortly after the incident occurred were some from witnesses who informed local headquarters that they had heard shots from the area in which the suspect lives setting the time about the hour it was reported that Mr. Boulanger had been shot. Results of a study by experts at Picatinny

Arsenal, who used computers in their tests, indicated that the bullet which caused the death had been fired in the same area.

With this information, the police returned to the home of the suspect who then admitted having fired a rifle and had discarded parts of it in an area in Great Swamp. A search for these has been only partially successful.

Schallis has been released on \$5,000 bond pending court appearance. Meanwhile, police will continue the investigation.

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Robert Zimmermann  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2017 8:53 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** target shooting

To whom it may concern, I am a resident of Reservoir Circle and am in favor of a total target shooting ban. There are 20 children and many pets on our street and I feel the shooting in the woods is an accident waiting to happen. We have called the police at times because the shots sound incredibly close. There have been times when the shooting goes on at nine or ten at night. It is upsetting to hear shooting in our neighborhood at any time of day. I feel it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident if this practice is allowed to go on unchecked in any way as it is now. I personally can't see any reason for allowing target shooting in any residential area. Thank you, Jonilee Zimmermann 86 Reservoir Circle

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Katherine Grimes  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Total target shooting Ban

As long time residents of 227 Highland Drive, we strongly support the total target shooting ban. Paul J. Grimes & Katherine A. Grimes

Sent from my iPad



**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Steve Heath  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2017 8:59 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Ban Shooting

Cheryl,  
Please forward to council members.  
Steve Heath

Dear Council Members,  
Please take note that I support a full ban of any shooting ranges in Jamestown, RI, especially on private property. It seems too dangerous. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.  
Steven Heath  
87 Columbia Ave

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Steve Heath, Executive Director  
[FabNewport](#)  
(401) 439-0160

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Jane Wright  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 6:12 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** We support a BAN on recreational target shooting

To the Town Council,

We are 100% in favor of BANNING recreational backyard shooting in Jamestown. Please do the right thing and enact a total ban on April 10th.

Regards,

Jane and Daniel Wright  
206 Narragansett Ave.

Jane McNally Wright  
401.345.6786

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**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Sandy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:32 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Re: Target shooting ban

Please vote for the total target shooting ban.

Sandra Beauregard  
Donald Beauregard  
100 Stern St  
Jamestown RI

Sent from my iPad

## Cheryl Fernstrom

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**From:** Jane Garnett  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:14 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Total ban of target shooting

Cheryl-

As a resident of Jamestown, RI, I strongly encourage the Town councilors to vote against any and all backyard target shooting. I am totally opposed to any target shooting, as I feel very unsafe with that kind of shooting allowed on our island. Please stop this on April 10th.

Thank you,  
Jane Garnett

Jane Garnett  
[janemgarnett@gmail.com](mailto:janemgarnett@gmail.com)  
333 Beavertail Rd, Jamestown, RI 02835

**From:** Chris Cannon  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 12:50 AM  
**To:** BM  
**Cc:** Andrew Nota; trockijamestowntc@gmail.com; Blake Dickinson; Mary E. Meagher; Gene Mihaly; Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Re: Ad in Thursday's Jamestown Press regarding Backyard Shooting

Hi Bill,

I completely support and love Jamestown's rural character, and ended up wanting to live here when I first stopped here in 1996. (I had driven through Jamestown non-stop via Rt 138 probably since the early 80's). I had a boat and the fellow watching it for me suggested keeping it at CMS, as Jamestown was a much more civil place then Newport. Man was he right. I will never forget the first time in 96' that I actually got off of 138 and drove south on North Rd pass the farms and windmill and then down Narragansett Ave. I was impressed. It was a long way from Jamaica, NY where I grew up. It had and still has a rural character, with great people and only it's 10 minutes from Newport. If you want to go there.

Here is where we disagree, as I can't connect rural character and people shooting handguns, rifles and high powered rifles in their backyard. My rural character provides safety for those living there. Our population has doubled since 1970 and continues to grow. There are three total containment shooting ranges 15-20 minutes away, two are brand new. It looks like Great Swamp is adding another new shooting range and probably starting construction this fall. That's 20-25 minutes away and I think it's free. People want to shoot and should be allowed to shoot, but at a safe place, not at pile of dirt 501' away from their neighbors house. I feel a nine mile square island with almost 6000 people on it is too small for backyard shooting.

In my mind it's a public safety issue. Of course the idea of listening to repetitive gun fire for hours at a unsupervised site close to my home is not my idea of mental or emotional safety.

I also think CILT has done a wonderful job of maintaining Jamestown's rural flavor but the proposed partial ban completely disrespects them, allowing them to be the place where misfires could end up and where people are encouraged to walk trails. I think a small .22 cal rifle can sent a bullet 3/4s of a mile according to the below chart. That's a lot more the 500'. I think that DEM allows hunters use .22s elsewhere but Jamestown doesn't because the island is to small. Not really sure.

I will try to put this in a nice way, the five or seven backyard shooters have had maybe 50 years of a free run, but that doesn't predict future safety and the population has doubled. I believe Jamestown won't loose its rural character if It bans target shooting as all of our surrounding towns did in one way or another 30 to 50 years ago for public safety reasons.

I've told you how I've admired what you and your family have done for Jamestown over the 20 years I've been here and I don't want this public disagreement between us to spike our friendship.

Best,

Chris

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Jeff Nickol  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target Shooting in JTN

Cheryl,

I am writing you to request that the city council vote to ban any shooting of any firearms within the city limits. The unregulated practice of target shooting is amazingly dangerous in such a densely populated area such as Jamestown.

I am a lifelong hunter and support the right to bear arms, however there has to be regulation and safety or there will be issues. I never take my guns out unless I am either in the field hunting or at a gun range that has all of the precautions in place for the safe firing of guns. Target shooting within the city limits is just dangerous.

Please ban target shooting in Jamestown.

Thank you,  
Jeff

101 Mt Hope Ave  
Jamestown, RI

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**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Merrill Sherman  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:38 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Council consideration-- target shooting ordinances

Hello. Could you please provide a copy of this email to the five city council members, for their consideration.

Having reviewed the multiple arguments and positions, I would strongly encourage you to adopt the ban as proposed. Unfortunately, the current situation and even the target shooting restrictions currently proposed as an alternative to a ban, are simply not safe.

I recognize this is a significant change for a number of our residents. However, the lack of accidents to date does not mean we will not have a tragic incident in the future. To the extent that there are residents who want to target shoot guns on their property, I suggest that following passage of the ban, the council set up a study committee that can review all relevant safety materials, suggest limitations on guns allowed to be used, propose thoughtful and meaningful restrictions on, and safety requirements for, ranges, etc., and then return to the council at some future date with a fully thought out and fleshed out proposal, which would protect public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Merrill Sherman  
P.O. Box 331,  
Walnut St. Resident  
Sent from my iPad

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Peter Marcus  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:15 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** backyard target shooting

i would like to support a total ban on backyard target shooting  
peter marcus  
52 ocean ave.  
jamestown ri

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Note: This e-mail address ([printspeter@gmail.com](mailto:printspeter@gmail.com)) is now my primary address. Please use this instead of my previous one ([pemarcus@art.wustl.edu](mailto:pemarcus@art.wustl.edu)).



**From:** Nonie Drexel  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 2:26 PM  
**To:** Kristine Trocki; Mary Meagher; mgblanco@cox.net; Blake Dickinson; Eugene B Mihaly; Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Private Target Shooting

Dear Town Council Members,

Forgive me for pestering you once again so soon after the last meeting. This time my issue is private target shooting (April 10), and with it, recognition of the contradictions in viewing our community as rural vs. suburban.

I hope most of you know my views as a landowner on hunting, gun use and wildlife control – I am totally IN FAVOR!

I think hunting is appropriately regulated, RI gun law is entirely adequate, and wildlife control is an issue that we cannot ignore. The Tick Task Force is doing a good job but I would go further, and set up a system for appropriate coyote culling as well. I believe that between the misguided feeding, the suburbanization of the island and the amazing adaptability of coyotes to urban environments, we will need to carefully and professionally cull this population, as well as the deer, on an annual basis. In a suburban environment, these species no longer balance each other, and human intervention is the only solution.

That said, I think it's also time to recognize that we can no longer support backyard target shooting. For me, it's actually the exact same argument. The rural community for which we all feel such nostalgia is no longer a reality in Jamestown. At 5600 residents we have become too densely populated and we need to take appropriate measures to protect the human population.

I believe the total target shooting ban is the best answer, and that the partial ban is an absurdity which simply continues to avoid the issue. I have read most of the NRA handbook of guidelines and I don't see how we could possibly ask our local law enforcement to check each private range for assurances of sobriety and, I'm sorry to mention, senility or other issues of competent use, and still maintain safety standards. I'm fully aware that our local shooters are responsible and competent citizens. I think the Town has just been putting off and turning away from an issue that we can't continue to ignore, out of respect for this great generation of people who learned to shoot from their fathers and grandfathers. But sadly we just can't keep ignoring the issue on a densely-settled island.

Considering the limited proposal, where is the liability, where is the enforcement capability, how are questions like berm heights, effective containment, or responsible establishment of new ranges to be determined? Would

we limit weapons by caliber, would we ask for red flags to be put up during shooting hours, would we ask for signed waivers, would we in fact demand full conformation to the NRA guidelines? And how could the Town possibly expect to enforce all that on multiple properties, or as the proposal now stands, throughout the rural zone?

Sports-men and -women have great nearby alternatives in the Great Swamp and Newport Rifle Club. Maybe we do want to consider building such a facility here. But in the meantime it is the Town Council's responsibility to establish necessary safeguards for the public, and the partial ban with its totally inadequate 500' setback and lack of any containment standards utterly fails to do so.

We can't allow nostalgia for our rural past to cloud a public safety issue – it's as simple as that.

Yours sincerely,

Nonie Drexel

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**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Don Miller  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Backyard target shooting

Cheryl,

Please note that my wife and I are against target shooting in Jamestown.

Thank you,

Donald T. Miller  
Nancy P. Miller  
71 Beacon Avenue  
Jamestown, RI

423-0612

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** michelle snoeren  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Please Ban Backyard Target Shooting

I live at 121 Carr Lane

Michelle Snoeren

Sent from my iPhone

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Pieter Snoeren  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 9:05 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Please Ban Target Shooting

Pieter Snoeren  
121 Carr lane  
Jamestown, RI 02835

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** James Estes  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target Shooting

Jamestown Town Council,

I am writing to ask the Town Council to ban target shooting in Jamestown. Approving unsupervised shooting on a small, heavily populated island defies common sense. It's dangerous for the people of Jamestown and leaves the town in a legally precarious position.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Estes

100 Clinton Ave.  
Jamestown

**Estes|Twombly Architects**

79 Thames Street  
Newport, RI 02840  
401.846.3336

[jim@estestwombly.com](mailto:jim@estestwombly.com)

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Peter Wilson  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Toddler Shot To Death in Jamestown, RI

Dear Ms. Fernstrom,

None of us wish to read this subject line on the headline of the Jamestown Press – on national newspapers. Particularly after this very public debate has taken place.

I *strongly* urge the council to ban target shooting on Conanicut Island. There are a number of professionally run, properly-equipped, fully licensed and insured safe places to hone one's shooting skills nearby. To harken back to the days before Jamestown was at its current population is folly – and dare I say, a recipe for disaster. "Well it hasn't been a problem so far" just doesn't cut it. When it *becomes* a "problem" through a fatality - it's too late. Let's not have that be the catalyst for change. We're better and smarter than that.

There are no half measures.

Sincerely,

Peter Wilson  
953 Ft. Getty Road  
Jamestown

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**From:** Ken Schadegg  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Firearm ordinance

Dear Town Clerk,

As new town residents/homeowners, please convey to the Town Councilors that we favor the ordinance which calls for the Total Prohibition of firearm discharge in the town for the sake of safety and the peaceful enjoyment of everybody's homes free from extraneous noise.

Thank you,  
Ken Schadegg  
Robert Upham  
22 Coulter Dr.  
401.447.1740



**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** suzanne Ayvazian  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** BAN BACKYARD TARGET SHOOTING

Dear Town Clerk,  
Our family supports the ban on backyard target shooting for the safety of our community.  
Thank you,  
Andrew, Suzanne, Samara, and Ani  
76 Howland Ave, Jamestown

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Please forward to Town Council members

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All:

I am writing to request that you ban backyard target shooting.

I do this from the perspective of someone who has lived here since 1980 and learned to shoot here at the range that was in the north end during the early 70s.  
Target shooting is fun, and serves a purpose.

My perspective has changed over the years due to the changes in housing and density.

I am concerned about safety. This is a small island with increasing popularity. I feel it is in Jamestown's best interest to ban this practice now.

I appreciate the Council's hard work on this and the willingness of the citizens to express their opinions.

Thank you.

Virginia Prichett  
19 Bridgeview Drive  
Jamestown

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Joan Faella  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Backyard Target Shooting

I am totally in favor of a complete ban on any target shooting on private property.

This is the 21st C. with long range and high velocity guns; and certainly not the wild open West of years past. We are a dense community of residential homes throughout the island.

It would be very unfortunate for the safety of our communities if political biases entered into the final decision.

Joan Faella

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** abigail campbell-king  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Backyard Target Shooting

To the Jamestown Council Members,

As a Jamestown full time resident , I am opposed to any increase in gun use and chance of collateral damage .  
Please consider the greater good of the community by keeping us safe. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Abigail Campbell King  
11 Friendship St.  
Jamestown

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Durga Larkin.  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 01, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target shooting

I would like to let you know that I support a total ban on target shooting in Jamestown.

Sincerely,  
Durga Larkin, MD  
188 Narragansett Avenue

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Jamestown, RI Site  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Total Target Shooting Ban

Message submitted from the <Jamestown, RI> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Janet and Walter Cooper  
**Site Visitor Email:**

This is inform you that we support a Total Target Shooting Ban in Jamestown.

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Josy Wright  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** target range issue

I vote C) Completely ban it.

I vote for the amendment "To prohibit firearms discharges on private property in the town of Jamestown to protect public health and safety."

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Marie Schappert  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Cc:** Linda Martino  
**Subject:** Ban Backyard Target Shooting

As registered voters and Jamestown Owners/Residents at 8 Clarkes Village Road we respectively request that the Town Council votes to "BAN backyard target shooting".

Charles F Schmidt  
Marie A Schappert (ux)



**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Harrison Wright  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** guns

Dear members of the Town Council,

Just a brief note to urge you to prohibit private target shooting in Jamestown when you next discuss it. It is simply not worth the risk to innocent people, and it may well leave you exposed to liability for permitting it. (You could then consider establishing a safe, town built, public shooting range--at the user's expense--if you think that appropriate.)

Many thanks for taking up this issue.

Harry Wright  
86 Clarke St.

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** deborahmeagher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Ban target shooting

Town council

Sent from my iPhone

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Conan  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target Shooting

To the Town Council, Jamestown, RI:

This email is in support of a total ban of target shooting on Conanicut Island. While I respect the rights of others to engage in sports and recreation of their choice, all of are pursuits must be in balance with the rights of others. It is unfortunate that we are so often presented with "all or nothing" situations, when compromise is the more reasonable path. We are unfortunately living in a period of polarity on so many issues. While compromise would have been possible for me, given these two options I must in good conscience choose safety and the common good over recreation. I feel that the island of Conanicut is just too small to safely accommodate this pursuit.

Sincerely,  
Diane Terry  
Grey Gull

Sent from my iPad

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Chris Terry  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** target range

I support a total ban of target shooting on Conanicut Island.

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Chris Terry  
17 Grey Gull Rd.  
Jamestown, RI 02835

435 881 8449, mobile

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**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Patty Lager  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Target Shooting

Please ban backyard target shooting on all of Jamestown. It is too dangerous for such a small island.

Patricia Lager  
75 Longfellow Road  
Jamestown, RI 02835

401.952.5691

**Cheryl Fernstrom**

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**From:** Terry Allen Lanza  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Fernstrom  
**Subject:** Re: Hunting

Thank you.

We encourage the council to consider prohibition of firearm discharges on the island of Jamestown.

Terry Allen Lanza  
1026 East Shore Road  
Jamestown

Sent from my iPhone

Liz Brazil  
883 East Shore Road  
Jamestown, RI 02835

4/4/2017

Re: Target Shooting

Dear Town Council,

I was part of the group that met with Chief Mello in 2014; I have been silent in this matter but I can no longer be silent. I am writing to you at your private residence because this matter affects me at my private residence. This is a safety issue in conjunction with imposing on our quiet enjoyment of our property and neighborhood. The Wildflower Lane site caused the initial complaint and basically ruined it for all the other private sites. The Wildflower site is 350 feet from my house on East Shore Road.

The property owner and her son did not take into consideration the neighbors. There is a young family with two children and an elderly widow at the base of Wildflower Lane. It is unnerving to hear the shots; it affects our families and our pets. None of you live in the R80 zone; have any of you experienced the repetitive sounds of random gun shots adjacent to your property? A mound of dirt does not classify as a gun range. I listened to John Caito shoot with his friends; they did not shoot one at a time. I was visiting a neighbor one night who also is a friend of Johns and I spoke to them about the gun shots, I referenced to a Sunday evening when the shots went on for 1.5 hours continuously with two guns firing at the same time. The friend said; oh that is because I was there with him. I said "I guess he has a mound of dirt he shoots into"; the friend said "no he shoots into the woods". Obviously this is not a controlled, safe environment. I have no reason to alter the truth of this conversation, I was shocked.

I have one question, if you allow this to continue and on a Sunday afternoon a resident of Jamestown is driving home from the transfer station or just driving downtown to get the paper and that resident gets a random bullet in their head from one of range sites, are you/will you take responsibility for that? You are the town government if you say this is ok you are taking on the liability. That means my tax dollars will be in jeopardy when the town is sued about this issue, basically the residents of Jamestown are taking on the liability.

There was shooting at the North Road site on Sunday April 2, it was loud and clear at my property. On Sunday April 9, when the shooting starts I will call all of you to come join me while my family tries to have a peaceful birthday dinner for my husband.

Please do not allow shooting a gun for personal pleasure to be an acceptable activity in Jamestown.

Liz Brazil



