



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
6:30 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.

Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website at: <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2018-meetings-minutes/2018-meetings>

I. ROLL CALL

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

- A) Approval of Minutes; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) January 16, 2018 (regular meeting)
- B) Open Forum
 - 1) Scheduled request to address
 - 2) Non-scheduled request to address
- C) Report of Town Officials - Status Reports; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Pumping Report
 - 2) Town Projects Reports
 - a) Town Wells
 - b) Water Treatment Plant
 - c) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
 - d) Distribution System
 - e) Wastewater Treatment Facility

Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A) Presentation
 - 1) Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report: Paul Dansereau, CPA, Baxter Dansereau & Associates

V. 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) Licenses and Permits
 - 1) One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications
 - a) Applicant: Payton Elizabeth Watson Memorial Foundation
 - Event: Payton’s Pace 5K Run/Walk & Family Fun Day
 - Date: June 3, 2018
 - Location: Fort Getty Pavilion/Streets of Jamestown/Fort Getty Pavilion
 - i) Letter of request for waiver of Pavilion Rental Fee
 - b) Applicant: Joan McCauley
 - Event: Jamestown School Reunion – “The 60’s”
 - Date: August 4, 2018
 - Location: Fort Getty Pavilion
 - ii) Letter of request for waiver of Pavilion Rental Fee

VI. 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 request to address
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

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

- A) Town Administrator’s Report: Andrew E. Nota
 - 1) Legislative Update
 - 2) Municipal Legislative Brief
 - 3) Legislative Presentation (March 5th)
 - 4) RI League of Cities and Towns Overview of the Governor’s FY2019 Budget Proposal
- B) Discover Newport Report: Jamestown Representative Frank Sallee and President and CEO Evan Smith

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

For past discussion documentation, please visit <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2018-meetings-minutes/2018-meetings>

- A) Discussion of the process for review and voter approval of School Department capital requests (Councilor Dickinson); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

- B) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Award of Bid: East Ferry Renovation Project Parking Lot and Paving Contract to Cardi Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$419,360.50, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- B) Review of Conanicut Marine Services Waterfront Projects; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote regarding grant agreement for new ferry dock
- C) LASA Grant through RIDEM for agricultural and aquaculture green economy projects; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- D) Opioid Epidemic Litigation proposal for legal services; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

XI. 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.

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) February 5, 2018 (interview session)
 - 2) February 5, 2018 (regular meeting)
- B) Minutes of Town Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Library Board of Trustees (01/09/2018)
 - 2) Jamestown Library Board of Trustees (01/24/2018)
- C) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
 - Total Abatements: \$26,368.67 Total Addenda: \$26,368.67
 - 1) Real Property/Motor Vehicle/Tangible Abatements to 2017 Tax Roll
 - Account/Abatement Amount**
 - a) 11-0577-73 \$ 8,600.00
 - b) 16-0511-50 \$17,768.67
 - 2) Real Property/Motor Vehicle/Tangible Addenda to 2017 Tax Roll
 - Account/Addenda Amount**
 - a) 16-0511-50 \$ 8,600.00
 - b) 19-0006-50 \$17,768.67
- D) Abutter Notification
 - 1) Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a Public Hearing February 27 2018 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835 upon the following: Application of Roland and Barbara Parent, whose property is located at 77 Standish Road, and further identified as Tax Assessor’s Plat 8, Lot 414 for a Variance, pursuant to Article 6, Sections 82-600 and 82-605, from Article 3 Section 82-302, Table

3-2, District dimensional regulations, for a West side yard setback of 0.2 feet and a South yard side setback of 2.2 feet where 10 feet is required to repair and reconstruct the existing garage in its existing location. This application also seeks relief from Article 7 section 82-705, Alteration of a nonconforming structure where the current structure has a West side yard setback of 0.2 feet and a South yard side setback of 2.2 feet where 10 feet is required. Said property is located in a R20 Zone and contains 16,266 sq. ft.

- E) CRMC Notices
 - 1) February 2018 Calendar
- F) Holiday License Renewal Application
 - 1) Debra L. Goyette dba: **The Purple Door**
Address: 47 Conanicus Avenue
- G) Trash Collector License Application
 - 1) Waste Management of RI, Inc. dba: **Waste Management**
Address: 1610 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920
- H) One Day Event/Entertainment License Application
 - 1) Applicant: Pamela Bernardi
Event: High School Graduation Party
Date: June 9, 2018
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion
 - 2) Applicant: Bailey Boergessen
Event: Paganelli Clambake
Date: July 4, 2018
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion
 - 3) Applicant: Save The Bay
Event: 42nd Annual Save The Bay Swim
Date: August 4, 2018
Location: RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority Lawn

XII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

- A) Communications
 - 1) Public Notice of State Planning Council re: Quadrennial Federal Certification Review opportunity to participate in Public Meeting and provide public comments on the implementation of the Federal Transportation Planning Process on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence with written comments accepted by February 28, 2018
 - 2) Letter of RI Infrastructure Bank re: financing for infrastructure projects
 - 3) Notice of Jamestown Arts Center for 6th Annual Lantern Parade and Festival on Friday March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. (JAC/sidewalks of Jamestown Streets/JAC)

- 4) Letter of Friends of the Jamestown Rights-of-Way requesting time for a short presentation to Council re: request for additional kayak racks at four (4) locations
- 5) Announcement of the RI Department of State Elections Division re: Center for American Progress security report naming Rhode Island among ten (10) states receiving highest grade for elections security
- 6) Announcement of Watershed Grants of New England re: 2018 proposal submission deadline of 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2018 for sustainable coastal and watershed grants up to an amount of \$2.5 million for RI and southeastern MA communities
- 7) RIDEM Announcement of Green Economy Bond investments to help Communities and Local Groups protecting Open Space

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A) Planning Department/Planning Commission/Affordable Housing Committee Reports (March)
- B) Final report on the Fire Station Rehabilitation Project
- C) Legislative Delegation Update (March 5th)

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (IBPO grievance arbitration); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session
- B) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Potential Litigation (RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority proposed solar project); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session.

XV. 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, notice also may be posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL 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 not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website February 15, 2018

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
for
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:38 PM by Commission President, Kristine S. Trocki.

The following members were present:

Michael G. White, Vice-President
Blake A. Dickinson
Mary E. Meagher
Eugene B. Mihaly

Also present were:

Andrew Nota, Town Administrator
David Petrarca Esq., Town Solicitor
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Cheryl Fernstrom, Town Clerk
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 12/11/17 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the 12/11/17 regular meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None scheduled)

2) Non-scheduled request to address

(None)

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) Pumping Report:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- Pumping was down for the month of December.
- JR-1 has been taken out of service for the season.
- Rainfall was down compared to the month of December.
- North Reservoir was @ 46MG, usable storage-60MG
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

2) Town project reports: (See attached Project Update Report dated January 2018)

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the Water and Sewer meeting at 6:46 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:



Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Public Works Director
Town Clerk

Project Update January 2018

WELLS

JR-1, JR-3

- JR-1 has been taken out of service for the winter.

TREATMENT PLANT

- Staff has been working on general equipment maintenance within the treatment plant. During this time of the year we complete our annual maintenance of the filter membranes. Each train is taken off line so that the filter membranes can be removed from the tank and inspected. Filter maintenance is scheduled February.

TRANSFER PUMPING/RESERVOIR

- Transfer pumping has been taken out of service for the winter

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

South Pond @ 6 MG

Usable Storage, 6 Million Gallons

North Pond @ 46 MG

Usable Storage 60 Million Gallons

- There were a number of leaks in the distribution system over the past several weeks due to the cold weather that we experienced. Staff responded to a number of residences where contractors were working to thaw and repair frozen plumbing in homes. The DPW and water department responded to 3 watermain breaks since the snow storm. Breaks were repaired on Valley Street, Maple Avenue, and Longfellow and Conanicus Avenue.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

- The monthly average daily flow at the treatment plant for December was 0.27 million gallons per day. The peak daily flow was 0.34 million gallons. The permitted flow for the monthly average is 0.73 million gallons per day.
- There were no SSO's for the month of December.
- The Staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility received a notice that they are the recipient of the 2017 Regional EPA Operation and Maintenance Program Excellence Award. They were nominated by the RIDEM for the outstanding work performed by the Staff. This is the second such award that they have received by the EPA. They will receive the award at the annual New England Water Environment Association Luncheon in Boston on January 24th.

Project Update February 2018

WELLS

JR-1, JR-3

- JR-1 has been taken out of service for the winter.

TREATMENT PLANT

- The water department Staff have been working on the South Pond pretreatment upgrades. The project involves upgrades to the chlorine dioxide station and the installation of direct communication with the water treatment plant. When complete the new supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) that has been installed will be able to trend data, control the rate of chlorine dioxide feeding into the raw water transmission main, trend chemical storage at the site, notify the staff of chlorine gas and intrusion alarms. The most important feature of this upgrade is that there will be safe guards to stop the chlorine dioxide pump when residual levels at the treatment facility approach the thresholds set by the Department of Health.

TRANSFER PUMPING/RESERVOIR

- Transfer pumping has been taken out of service for the winter

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

South Pond @ 6 MG

Usable Storage, 6 Million Gallons

North Pond @ 60 MG

Usable Storage 60 Million Gallons

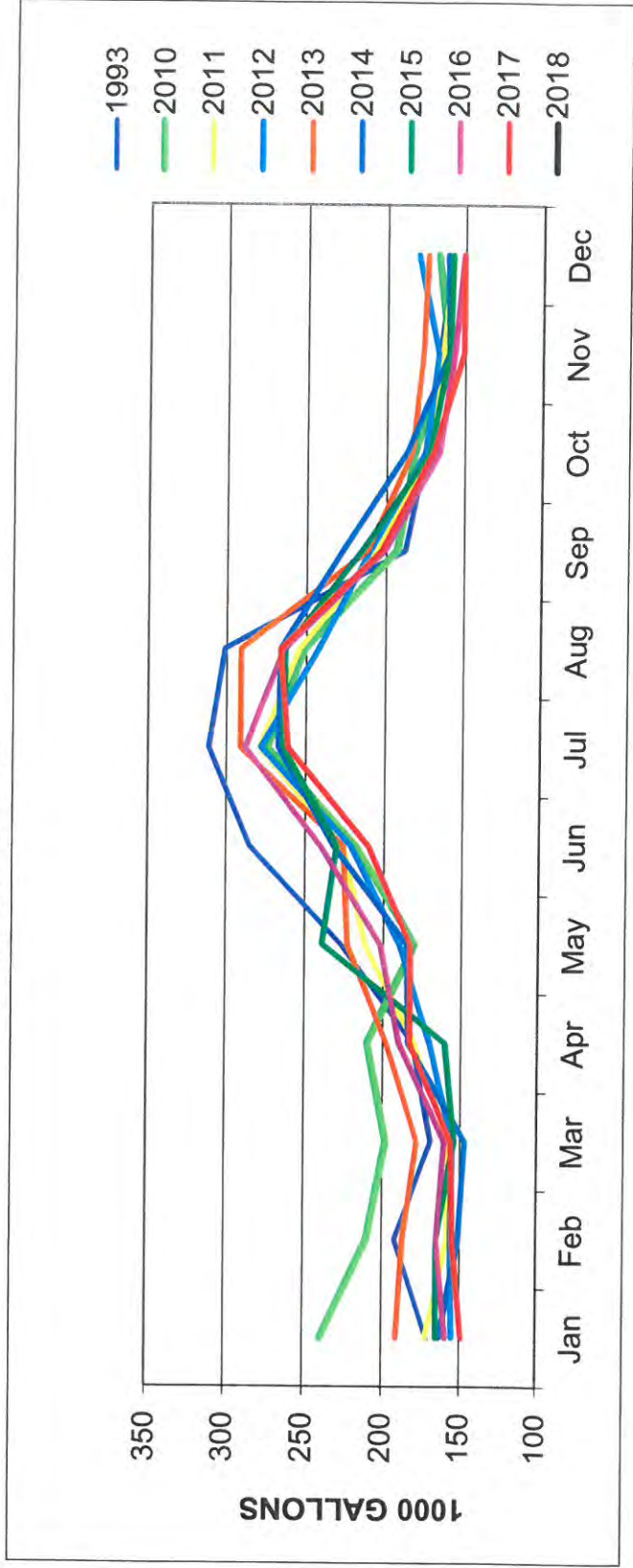
- There have been no leaks reported in the distribution system.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

- The monthly average daily flow at the treatment plant for January was 0.60 million gallons per day. The peak daily flow was 1.81 million gallons. The permitted flow for the monthly average is 0.73 million gallons per day.
- There were no SSO's for the month of January.
- The Staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility have been dealing with excessive flows with the recent rains received and the groundwater levels in the village. Water flows received at the plant approached three million gallons on February 11th. Inflow and Infiltration continues to be a problem in the collection system even with the upgrades to the piping that we have completed. The staff have been inspecting manholes and pipe segments using the new jet vacuum and camera system to determine potential sources.

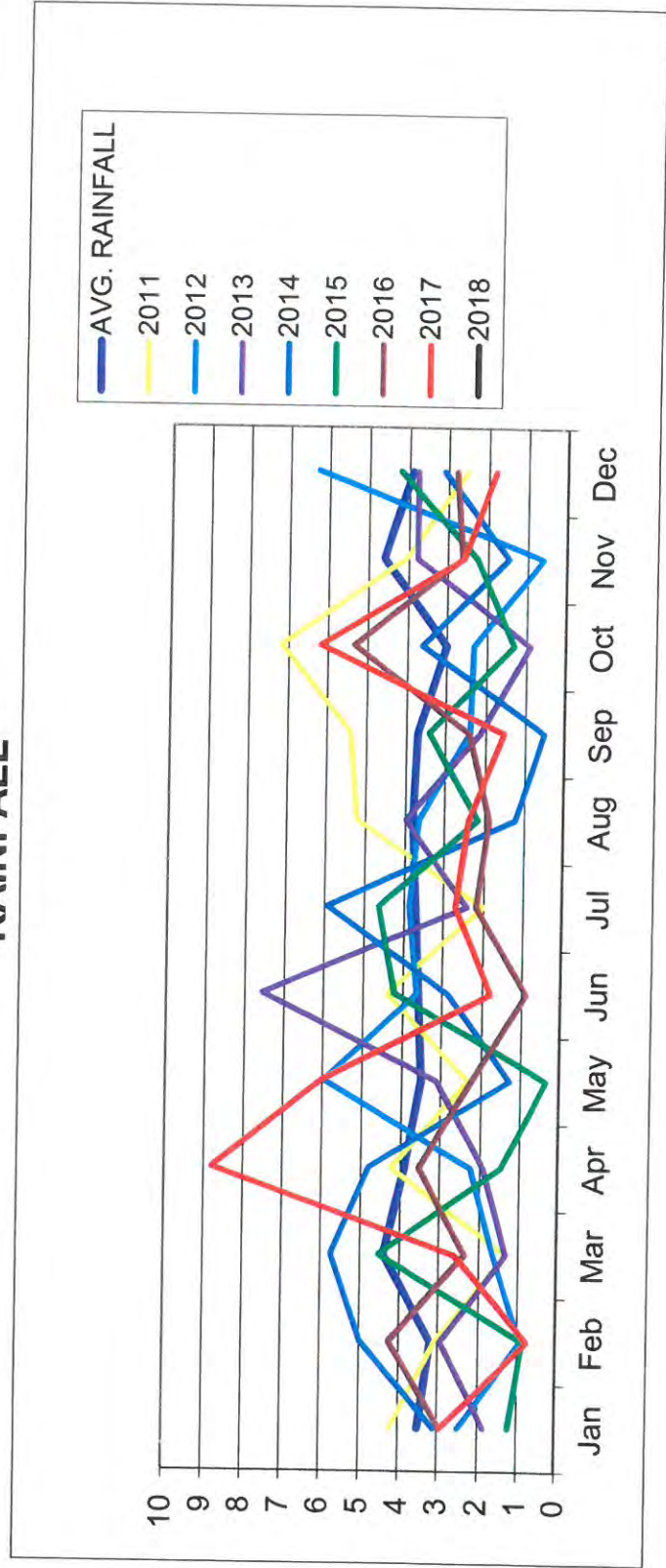
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|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Jan | 171 | 172 | 173 | 239 | 172 | 155 | 191 | 163 | 165 | 159 | 149 | 165 |
| Feb | 192 | 154 | 173 | 210 | 158 | 156 | 187 | 151 | 165 | 165 | 155 | |
| Mar | 169 | 155 | 165 | 198 | 157 | 155 | 178 | 147 | 154 | 160 | 156 | |
| Apr | 181 | 174 | 196 | 210 | 180 | 170 | 198 | 184 | 160 | 190 | 183 | |
| May | 227 | 202 | 195 | 180 | 212 | 190 | 223 | 185 | 239 | 202 | 183 | |
| Jun | 285 | 246 | 215 | 218 | 226 | 221 | 226 | 232 | 230 | 240 | 210 | |
| Jul | 311 | 296 | 277 | 274 | 279 | 278 | 291 | 267 | 264 | 288 | 261 | |
| Aug | 301 | 256 | 290 | 251 | 254 | 242 | 291 | 266 | 263 | 264 | 266 | |
| Sep | 188 | 210 | 245 | 193 | 205 | 210 | 212 | 227 | 215 | 201 | 203 | |
| Oct | 175 | 187 | 259 | 182 | 175 | 175 | 184 | 187 | 172 | 166 | 170 | |
| Nov | 166 | 175 | 226 | 160 | 164 | 167 | 177 | 160 | 160 | 157 | 151 | |
| Dec | 158 | 192 | 230 | 167 | 158 | 180 | 174 | 161 | 158 | 151 | 151 | |

PUMPING REPORT



| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Jan | 1.1 | 4.22 | 2.49 | 1.85 | 3.1 | 1.22 | 2.94 | 2.94 | 2.94 |
| Feb | 2.2 | 3.09 | 0.93 | 2.94 | 4.98 | 0.86 | 4.25 | 0.76 | 0.76 |
| Mar | 12.2 | 1.32 | 1.64 | 1.32 | 5.74 | 4.53 | 2.36 | 2.62 | 2.62 |
| Apr | 1.77 | 4.25 | 2.24 | 1.92 | 4.8 | 1.47 | 3.53 | 8.8 | 8.8 |
| May | 1.69 | 2.32 | 5.97 | 3.11 | 1.27 | 0.32 | 2.24 | 6.03 | 6.03 |
| Jun | 4.11 | 4.4 | 3.64 | 7.55 | 2.86 | 4.2 | 0.89 | 1.79 | 1.79 |
| Jul | 2.4 | 2.01 | 3.86 | 2.42 | 5.93 | 4.63 | 2.19 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Aug | 2 | 5.23 | 3.64 | 3.98 | 1.23 | 2.17 | 1.88 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Sep | 3.7 | 5.41 | 2.39 | 2.13 | 0.5 | 3.41 | 2.42 | 1.54 | 1.54 |
| Oct | 3 | 7.18 | 2.33 | 0.9 | 3.61 | 1.31 | 5.33 | 6.18 | 6.18 |
| Nov | 4.6 | 4.05 | 0.58 | 3.76 | 1.47 | 2.27 | 2.63 | 2.61 | 2.61 |
| Dec | 1.76 | 2.51 | 6.28 | 3.76 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 2.79 | 1.81 | 1.81 |
| Total | 39.03 | 45.99 | 35.99 | 35.64 | 38.59 | 30.59 | 33.45 | 40.18 | |

RAINFALL



PAYTON'S PACE



Payton Elizabeth Watson Memorial Foundation
25 Shady Cove Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

February 4, 2018

Jamestown Town Council
Town of Jamestown
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

RECEIVED
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN, R.I.
18 FEB -5 AM 9:47

Dear Members of the Jamestown Town Council,

We thank you for your continued support of the Payton Elizabeth Watson Memorial Foundation. We respectfully request your consideration to waive the rental fee for Ft. Getty Pavilion for Payton's Pace 5K to be held on June 3, 2018.

Our event is a fundraiser to bring awareness to childhood cancer and support local organizations that help children fighting cancer, as well as, local youth arts, athletic and educational programs. Some of the organizations we continue to support are Jamestown Soccer, Jamestown Baseball, Jamestown Teen Center, NKHS Drama, NK Recreation Drama, NKHS Payton Elizabeth Watson Scholarship, PAYTON Beads at Hasbro Children's Hospital, The Tomorrow Fund and The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

Your approval of this fee will help us in our goals to continue to Pay It Forward in Payton's memory.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Watson', written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Watson
President

To: Jamestown Town Council

From: Jamestown School Reunion Committee

January 22, 2018

Dear Town Council Members,

The Jamestown School Reunion Committee first assembled in August of 2017 for the sole purpose of creating a reunion event for graduates and attendees of the Jamestown Elementary (Lawn Avenue) School during the 1960's. The committee is comprised of many long time Jamestown residents and a few who now live in nearby towns.

We (Joan Perry McCauley) reserved the Fort Getty Rembijas Pavilion for August 4, 2018, with a \$200 deposit late last summer. The committee has since met monthly to work out details for the event.

Our intention was to have a relaxed location, beloved by children of Jamestown in our youth, and to keep the cost down to make it affordable to all. The rental and associated costs for the Fort Getty venue are more than we anticipated and we, as Jamestown residents, were hoping the Council might consider waiving the \$750 pavilion fee for this particular event to help us keep the cost to attend within reach of everyone. We are a "not for profit" group of individuals trying to allow old classmates to reunite.

The official rental was signed by Joan McCauley, and she has subsequently filed the One Day Event License and submitted the \$5.00 fee. But she is now in Hawaii until June, and we were hoping to get some other committee members' names associated with the rental agreement so we can continue to move forward in her absence.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. We all still love this island and the community we have been a part of for decades. We look forward to reminiscing with our long time friends.

Sincerely,

Jamestown School Reunion Committee

Joan Perry McCauley
Janice Howayeck O'Donnell
Barbara Cunha
Laura Clarke
Maggie Gallagher Grenier
Carroll Geary
Donna Richardson Peckham
Elizabeth Sheehan DiCenso

Monique (Coble) Sousa
Jane Estes Bently
Karen Estes
Judy Watson
Kathy Sisson
Laurie Sheehan
Linda Teixeira Clarke
Lainey Furtado-Flynn




TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

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TO: HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: ANDREW E. NOTA, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2018 – INTERIM PROJECT AND BUSINESS UPDATE
DATE: February 15, 2018

The following business items are provided as part of the Interim February 2018 - Administrators Report. These items reflect ongoing projects and initiatives that are under review and in various stages of development with the Town staff and some that may require further Town Council direction during the various stages of development.

- 1) Legislative Update: Included below are a few highlights from a recent legislative update conducted by the RILCT. Included here are various Bills that have recently been introduced that may impact cities/towns are being scheduled for further committee discussion.
 - Bills on liquor licenses and tow truck operations with possible municipal impact – Tuesday @ House Corporations
 - Budget article to charge fees to municipal police academy attendees – Tuesday @ House Finance
 - Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program (League supports concept, though funding not yet identified) – Wednesday @ Senate Housing & Muni Gov't
 - Expansion of Higher Education and Industry Centers in Governor's budget – Thursday @ Senate Finance
 - Reforms to Injured on Duty pay provisions, but only for state employees (League supports municipal reform) – Thursday @ Senate Finance

(Note: All committee hearings are at the rise of the House or Senate, unless otherwise noted. Bills in committee are scheduled for hearing only, unless otherwise indicated. Bills likely to get a vote are listed "For Consideration.")

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

House Corporations

H7079 -- Requires that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred. (Perez)

H7238 -- Allows tow truck operators that under an existing contract with municipal or state police departments or are actively on duty to utilize residential zoning districts for operating their business. (Winfield)

H7261 -- Amends the hours of operation for Class A liquor license holders in Central Falls. (Maldonado)

H7322 -- Provides that holders of a Class P alcoholic beverage license may purchase alcohol at retail or wholesale. (Ucci)

H7364 -- Allows the holder of a brewpub manufacturer's license to sell products directly to holders of Class B, Class B-V, and Class C licenses. (O'Grady)

House Finance

Governor's FY 2019 Budget (H7200)

Article 7 – Related to Fees

- League will testify against language authorizing new fees for trainees to attend municipal police training academy

House Judiciary

FOR CONSIDERATION

H7080 -- Authorizes a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. (Ruggiero)

- Supported by the Clerks' Association; League submitted testimony in support

FOR HEARING/CONSIDERATION

H7383 -- Provides that a cause of action may be brought for encroachment upon open space land. (Keable)

H7440 -- Repeals several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge. (Edwards)

H7441 -- Repeals the prohibition of the general laws regarding the removal of gravel or the deposit of debris from Easton's Beach, the enforcement provisions, and the bounds of Easton's Beach. (Edwards)

Senate Judiciary

S2266 -- Authorizes police departments/local drug control divisions to keep confiscated property with any derived income available for community/law enforcement purposes. (Fogarty)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Senate Housing & Municipal Government

S2239 -- Creates a municipal infrastructure grant program within the DOA relating to municipal and other public infrastructure projects. (Pearson)

- League to testify in support

S2241 -- Authorizes the town of Foster to enact an ordinance banning gravel operations from agricultural, forest management, or residential areas. (Kettle)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Senate Finance

Governor's FY 2019 Budget (H7200)

Article 2 – Related to State Funds

- Authorizing expansion of Higher Education and Industry Centers (currently in Westerly), including Northern Rhode Island

Article 3 – Government Reorganization

- Alters IOD procedures for state public safety employees to reduce costs
 - League will testify with problems of IOD in communities and request broader amendment to include cities and towns
- Proposes changes to membership and authority of State Planning Council
 - Governor's Office reached out to let us know that these changes were in error and will be removed in an amendment
- Authorizes state agencies to withhold municipal aid if owed funds by a city or town.

2) Municipal Legislative Brief:

- Included as an attachment is the first 2018 version of a Legislative Summary as provided by the Department of Revenue, including a wide array of Bills submitted in the 2018 Session.

3) **Legislator Presentation: Monday, March 5:** Both Representative Deb Ruggiero and Senator Dan Euer are scheduled to appear before the Town Council at the regular March 5th Town Council meeting. The Legislators are expected to address matters of importance as the 2018 Session begins to take shape.

4) **RILCT Overview of the Governors FY2019 Budget Proposal:** Key Budget elements include the following:

- 2nd year reimbursement for Cities /Towns on Motor Vehicle Reimbursement;
- Increase in PILOT Funding ;
- Maintains Distressed Community Relief Funds;
- Funds 8th year of Education Funding Formula;
- Increase in Tipping Fees by 23.4% or \$32/ton to \$39.50 /ton – and in FY 19 to \$47/ton - at RI Resource Recovery (RIRRC), prompting a transfer of funds totaling \$6 million to state general fund;
- Medical Marijuana Expansion ;
- Reforms to Injured on Duty Compensation ;
- School Construction Program – School Housing Aid reimbursement increase via incentives and increased availability of “paygo” funds to lower long-term borrowing costs, and investment of \$650 million over 5-years to school infrastructure;
- School Funding Formula;
- Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – includes an additional \$20.2 million in funding state phase-out;

- State Aid – pass through: Increase of \$3.3 million in pass through funds totaling \$53.8 million;
- Green Economy Bond: \$48.5 million proposed bond to address:
 - State Park and Facility Upgrades
 - Bike Paths
 - Open Space Preservation
 - Farmland Preservation
 - Climate Action & Resiliency
 - Flood Mitigation
 - Wastewater resiliency
 - Dam Safety
 - Brownfields
- Senior Center Funding: increase to \$.8 million up from \$.4 million;
- Main St. Streetscape & Technical Assistance Funding of \$.5 million.

Should you have any questions or require additional information on any specific element of this update please so advise.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEF
Legislative Introductions as of:

February 13, 2018



Governor Gina M. Raimondo

State of Rhode Island – Department of Revenue

Division of Municipal Finance

Legislative Reference Service

2018 Edition

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-7426 ***FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS (Winfield & Others)*** *This act would permit the substitution by a developer of sprinklers in new developments instead of cisterns or water reservoirs for fire suppression, if allowed by ordinance. Municipal Government*

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-7005 **CURRICULUM-COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Lombardi and Others) This act would direct the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science. H.E.W.

H-7006 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school. H.E.W.

H-7040 **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE** (McNamara & Others) This act would direct school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism. The act would also direct the state department of education to establish a chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan by January 1, 2019. The act would also direct the council on elementary and secondary education to include each school district's absenteeism rate within the report on school discipline presented annually to the general assembly, and to include the school or district's absenteeism rate in any report card or evaluation of the effectiveness of a school or district. H.E.W.

H-7041 **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (McNamara and Others) This act would require that effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students are in attendance would be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained therein. The act would also authorize the fire safety code board of appeal and review to promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this requirement. H.E.W.

H-7044 **CURRICULUM-FAMILY LIFE** (Solomon and Others) This act would permit that education on consent and sexual activity be increased in secondary schools as part of a family life course. H.E.W.

H-7060 **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would waive the fee for taking an examination required in order to be licensed and certified as a teacher when the teaching candidate possesses a bachelor's degree. Finance

H-7107 **JOINT RESOLUTION-INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION ALIGNED GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE-APPROPRIATIONS** (McEntee & Others) This act would partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified, certified teaching staff within this state to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice as designed and implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. Finance

H-7109 **STATE MANDATES-CESSATION OF IMPLEMENTATION** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities and towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the department of revenue, those affected cities, towns, and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion, in an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

H-7119 **DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION-PARTIAL FEE WAIVER** (McEntee & Others) This act would authorize a one-half (1/2) fee waiver to pay one-half (1/2) the costs of teachers in obtaining an International Dyslexia Association aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice. H.E.W.

H-7122 **CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS** (McEntee & Others) This act would authorize school committees to appoint one designee to the board of directors of the governing body of any charter public school where students who are residents of the school committee's district comprise at least five percent (5%) of the student body at the charter public school. H.E.W.

H-7150 **STUDENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS** (Diaz and Others) This act would provide students attending public or private schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a student's bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities. H.E.W.

H-7152 **EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT** (McNamara & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Early Childhood Innovation Act. The act would authorize the department of human services to establish an early childhood innovation fund for the purpose of supporting programs designed to narrow the education achievement gap for at-risk children as they enter kindergarten. The act further provides that the general assembly allocate \$1,000,000 annually to this fund. H.E.W.

H-7153 **ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTIONS** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would require school districts to provide for alternative programs and classroom space, within the school, to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions. Students that pose a threat to a peer, teacher, administrator, support staff or themselves would be placed in an alternative educational setting within the school with a RIDE certified teacher. H.E.W.

H-7154 **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Casey and Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. The act would also direct the board of education to ensure that the same policies regarding the cost for and payment of dual enrollment courses are consistently applied to public school students and home-schooled students alike. H.E.W.

H-7155 **PSAT and SAT TESTING** (Casey and Others) This act would include home schooled students in the program to provide the PSAT and SAT free of charge to all Rhode Island public school students for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018. H.E.W.

H-7157 **CURRICULUM-FIELD TRIPS** (Perez and Others) This act would require that public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), would annually provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory. H.E.W.

H-7158 **USE OF SUNSCREEN** (Bennett & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. H.E.W.

H-7185 **OPEN MEETINGS** (Edwards & Others) This act would allow school committees to add item(s) to their agendas for the purposes of discussion only without having to publish notice of the additional item(s).
Judiciary

H-7270 **RESOLUTION EXTENDING REPORTING DEADLINES-COMMISSION RELATING TO EDUCATION** (Casimiro & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission relating to education – school committees and superintendents from January 31, 2018, to June 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on July 30, 2018. H.E.W.

- H-7271** **EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATIONS-VARIANCES** (Edwards & Others) This act would authorize the council on elementary and secondary education to grant variances to any provision of title 16 other than those provisions enumerated in § 16-60-4.2 and to any department of education and school district regulation not affecting the health and safety or civil rights of pupils in a public school. H.E.W.
- H-7280** **ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS-MILITARY RECRUITERS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would require the same access to high school students by military recruiters enjoyed by other private recruiters at postsecondary institutions. Finance
- H-7283** **FREE LUNCHES** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would require free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools. Finance
- H-7296** **CERTIFICATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require that school superintendents, principals, vice principals, directors and administrators of public schools as well as all charter schools hold state certificates of qualification and would prohibit the granting of any waivers. H.E.W.
- H-7298** **CURRICULUM-SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SAFE BEHAVIOR** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would require the department of education to develop a program of age appropriate safe relationship behavior education and training, regarding the prevention of relationship abuse, and sexual violence and harassment. H.E.W.
- H-7348** **SCHOOL BUILDINGS-SOLAR ROOF INSTALLATIONS** (Marszalkowski & Others) This act would establish a pilot program to promote the creation of roof solar installations on school property in order to reduce the use of fossil fuels and to generate electricity in school buildings. This program would be implemented by the department of elementary and secondary education and the office of the postsecondary commissioner. Finance
- H-7367** **JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS-TECHNOLOGY** (Keable and Others) This act would allow school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and IT infrastructure. Education
- H-7370** **CURRICULUM-CIVIC LITERACY** (Newberry & Others) This act would require the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to adopt a course of study on the nation's founding and related documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers. H.E.W.
- H-7374** **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS-SAFETY BELTS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require that every new school bus purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso 3-point passenger seat belt system for the operator and each passenger seat effective January 1, 2020. Each school district would prepare a plan for the implementation and use of the 3-point seat belts. H.E.W.
- H-7375** **COMMISSION ON CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA/LEARNING DISABILITIES** (O'Brien & Others) This resolution would amend and increase the membership from nine (9) to thirteen (13) and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to assess and make recommendations on the educational needs of children with dyslexia and/or reading disabilities, from June 14, 2018, to February 7, 2019, and the commission would expire on May 7, 2019. H.E.W.

H-7401 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS/PSYCHOLOGISTS-MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT (McNamara & Others) This act would direct that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists would be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement. Finance

H-7413 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME LEARNING PROGRAMS (Casimiro & Others) This act would create a permanent joint commission to improve and increase the number of quality out of school time learning programs in the state. H.E.W.

H-7419 UNHEALTHY FOOD & BEVERAGES (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit the sale and advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools during the school day, since they do not meet minimum federal governmental nutrition standards. H.E.W.

H-7436 WORLD LANGUAGE & DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT (Diaz & Others) This act would establish and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program. Finance

H-7497 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS-RULES AND REGULATIONS (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) The act would amend the law on the student suspension, by requiring the council on elementary and secondary education along with the Rhode Island teachers' advisory council and a representative from the attorney general's office to work cooperatively to create regulations and programs for students who have been suspended, or otherwise removed from a regular classroom setting. It would require the programs to include academic instruction and address the social and emotional well-being of the student. The act would also require public school districts and charter schools to employ sufficient social workers and other educational specialists to provide support to students assigned to the alternative programs. H.E.W.

H-7568 AMERICANIZATION OF SCHOOLS (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the requirement that persons between sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) years of age who cannot speak, read and write English attend school for the teaching of the English language for at least two hundred (200) hours until they acquire reasonable facility in speaking, reading and writing English. This act would also repeal fines and commitment to an institution as punishment for willful violation of this act. H.E.W.

H-7570 POSSESSION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS (Donovan & Others) This act would permit students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of such products, but shall not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages. H.E.W.

H-7577 STUDENT CELL PHONE USE-RULES & REGULATIONS (Williams & Others) This act would direct the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to issue regulations restricting cell phone use by students in the public schools during the school day unless they are being used in connection with an assignment or curriculum. H.E.W.

S-2009 JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS-TECHNOLOGY (DiPalma and Others) This act would allow school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and IT infrastructure. Education

S-2025 **DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMS** (Seveney & Others) This act would: (1) Place approval of drug awareness programs for minors up through high school level charged with civil marijuana offenses in the discretion of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH); (2) Redirect funds from certain civil fines imposed to the general revenue fund to be expended by BHDDH to fund substance abuse and student assistance programs for youth; (3) Mandate that BHDDH establish funding criteria for distribution of funds and require that municipalities receiving funds file annual reports verifying that the funds are being used for substance abuse prevention programs; (4) Make high schools eligible for assistance programs; and (5) Changes the title of chapter 16- 9 21.3 to reflect high school participation in the programs. Judiciary

S-2050 **CONCUSSION TRAINING** (Lombardi & Others) This act would refine the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during all events. Education

S-2051 **COMPETENCY/PROFICIENCY BASED LEARNING POLICIES** (Picard) This act would require that the board of elementary and secondary education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency. Education

S-2113 **CURRICULUM-FIELD TRIPS** (Ciccone and Lombardi) This act would require that public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), would annually provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory. Education

S-2115 **USE OF SUNSCREEN** (Miller & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. Education

S-2179 **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (Miller & Others) This act would require that effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students are in attendance would be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained therein. The act would also authorize the fire safety code board of appeal and review to promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this requirement. Education

S-2180 **CHARTER SCHOOLS-ASSESSMENT OF DISTRICT PAYMENTS** (Satchell & Others) This act would provide for quarterly assessments of district payments to charter public school, Davies and the Met Center calculated on a per diem basis and payable within thirty (30) days and would require said charters, Davies and the Met Center to keep enrollment records with student ID numbers to avoid double billing. Education

S-2181 **RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Picard & Others) This amendment to the constitution of the state, if approved, would provide that it would be the paramount duty of the general assembly, the department of education, and other government agencies to provide Rhode Island residents with equal opportunities to receive an education that is adequate to permit residents to achieve at high levels, effective January 1, 2019. The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. Education

S-2182 **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION** (Miller & Others) This act would require, rather than suggest, that the department of elementary and secondary education incorporate substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum. Education

S-2183 **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Cote & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home schooled students. The act would also direct the board of education to ensure that the same policies regarding the cost for and payment of dual enrollment courses are consistently applied to public school students and home-schooled students alike. Education

S-2184 **CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENTS -FUNDING FORMULA** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide that the department of education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, would develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district. Education

S-2185 **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (Felag & Others) This act would amend certain sections of the education law to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education, and would make provisions to allow for certification as teachers, military personnel, and their spouses who are certified in another state. Education

S-2186 **CHARTER SCHOOLS-BOARDS OF DIRECTORS** (Sheehan & Others) This act would authorize school committees to appoint one designee to the board of directors of the governing body of any charter public school where students who are residents of the school committee's district comprise at least five percent (5%) of the student body at the charter public school. Education

S-2187 **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2019-2020. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to the school year 2019-2020. Education

S-2289 **FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Metts & Others) This act would provide that only peace officers and persons approved by the school authorities for the purposes of educational instruction may carry firearms or other weapons on school grounds. Judiciary

ELECTIONS

H-7342 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Blazewski & Others) This act would repeal the voter identification law, which required voters to prove their identity with written documents before they would be allowed to vote. Judiciary

H-7444 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE/MUNICIPAL VENDORS** (Canario & Others) This act would amend the election laws concerning state vendors who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with the state. This act would also add municipal vendors to those who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with a municipality. Judiciary

H-7501 **IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Solomon & Others) This act would create a process for in-person early voting to be conducted at locations determined by local boards and approved by the state board and would amend provisions related to mail ballots. Judiciary

H-7509 **POLITICAL PARTIES** (Edwards & Others) This act would allow a political organization, that wants to become a recognized political party in the state of Rhode Island, to begin collecting voter signatures equal to five percent (5%) of the votes cast in the state for governor or president in the preceding general election, immediately after the general election instead of no earlier than January 1 of the year the political organization wants to place a candidate on the ballot. Judiciary

H-7522 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Corvese & Others) This act would require the secretary of state to notify the appropriate elected official of a newly registered voter's most recent former place of residence, only if it is located outside of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-7530 **RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Williams & Others) This act would require that persons in government custody use their actual residence for census and redistricting purposes. Such information would be determined by the department of corrections and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census bureau. Judiciary

S-2294 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE/MUNICIPAL VENDORS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would amend the election laws concerning state vendors who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with the state. This act would also add municipal vendors to those who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with a municipality. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-7369 **CONTAINERS USING BISPHENOL A** (*Handy & Others*) This act would prohibit the use of containers, or food packaged in containers, that contain bisphenol A. H.E.W.

S-2026 **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES** (*Goodwin & Nesslebush*) This act would include a facility's potential detrimental impact on the community as a factor to be considered when approving the construction or operation of a solid waste management facility. Judiciary

S-2053 **COMMITTEE TO STUDY RI WATER RESOURCE BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY** (*Sosnowski*) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the Rhode Island Water Resources Board and Water Supply from January 3, 2018 to March 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on June 1, 2018. Environment & Agriculture

S-2054 **ENERGY PLANT SITING-CARBON EMISSIONS** (*Calkin & Others*) This act would require carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to applications made to the energy facility siting board on or after the effective date of this act. Environment & Agriculture

S-2116 **OFFSHORE DRILLING** (*Euer & Others*) This act would regulate activities related to any offshore oil and gas drilling, including exploration in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean in an effort to minimize any adverse effects resulting therefrom within the territorial waters and coastline of the state. Environment & Agriculture

S-2188 **CARBON PRICING PROGRAMS** (*Calkin & Others*) This act would establish a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels for consumption or distribution within the state. This act would also establish an "energize Rhode Island fund" to disburse the collected funds. The funds would be disbursed through rebates to all residents and businesses in the state as well as allocated to climate resilience, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate adaptation programs that benefit Rhode Islands, including low-income residents and small businesses. Environment and Agriculture

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-7098 **SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would establish a community senior services grant program to provide financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations which operate senior centers and/or senior programs. Finance

H-7100 **NARRAGANSETT BAY MARINE TASK FORCE-APPROPRIATIONS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would provide for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay. Finance

H-7102 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Edwards & Others) This act would create a municipal infrastructure grant program within the department of administration (DOA) to issue grants and provide assistance for municipal and other public infrastructure projects that support job creation and expansion, housing development and rehabilitation, community development, and for the accommodation of future growth and redevelopment. Finance

H-7103 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would extend the veterans' partial exemption from real estate taxes to those who were one hundred percent (100%) disabled owing to an injury or injuries sustained in training for combat duty at any time. Finance

H-7118 **PATHWAY TO RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT** (Vella-Wilkinson and Others) This act would provide that municipal pension funds only be diverted to the state upon approval of the applicable decision-making body after a public hearing, and a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to affected employees. Finance

H-7144 **REVALUATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY- ASSESSMENT CAP** (Perez and Others) This act would place a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2018 and every December 31 thereafter. This cap would not apply to a newly constructed building or a newly constructed addition to an existing building for a period of three (3) years after completion. Finance

H-7145 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES/RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated. Finance

H-7197 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Casey & Others) This act would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation. Municipal Government

H-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 3: WITHHOLDING OF STATE AID** (Abney) This article would authorize the tax administrator to withhold/offset state aid from any distribution of the local meals and beverage tax any amounts owed to the state. This Article would also authorize the state to withhold/offset state aid, distributions of the sales and use tax, and distribution of the public service corporation tax amounts

owed any public or quasi-public board, commission, corporation, council, authority, agency, department, committee or other similar body organized under the laws of this state. Finance

H-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 9: SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION** (Abney) This article amends various sections of chapters 16, 45, and 46 of the General Laws relating to funding for school housing projects including but not limited to incentives for increases in housing aid ratio shares, allowing the infrastructure bank to issue bonds for such projects, and changes in the authority and responsibilities of the school building authority. Finance

H-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** This article amends various sections of the General Laws relating to economic development including but not limited to requiring the commerce corporation to assess the performance and effectiveness of incentive programs, remove certain sunset provisions within and redefine the term manufacturing for the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit program, and also amends Chapter 42-64 by adding the Refundable Investment Tax Credit, Manufacturing Site Readiness, and Technical Assistance for Municipal Zoning and Permitting Fund Acts. Finance

H-7215 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (Knight & Others) This act would define as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. This act would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2017. Finance

H-7282 **EDUCATION AID-MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES** (Shanley & Others) This act would require any municipality which receives state educational aid pursuant to the foundation education aid to allocate at least ten percent (10%) of the state's share to the maintenance, repair, renovation and/or construction of the school facilities. Finance

H-7291 **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES** (Messier & Others) This act would permit redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan. Finance

H-7355 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** (McEntee & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Finance

H-7407 **CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATIONAL COSTS-INVOICES** (Serpa & Others) This act would require charter schools to issue a detailed invoice to the public-school districts for local aid, only for those resident students who are enrolled at the charter public school during the quarter prior to said date. Finance

H-7489 **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX-PHASE OUT** (Giarusso & Others) This act would provide a ten (10) year phase out to the personal property tax. Finance

H-7545 **EDUCATION AID-REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Marshall & Others) This act would permit any regional school district to be considered a separate and individual community for purposes of determining and distributing foundation level school support. This act would take effect upon passage and be effective for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter. Finance

- H-7546** **EDUCATION AID- INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAMS** (Marshall & Others) This act would create the education achievement incentive bonus program to be funded by an appropriation by the general assembly to reward school systems that meet or exceed annual education goals and/or standards established by the Rhode Island department of education. The bonus would be in addition to any funds awarded pursuant to the state funding formula. Finance
- H-7547** **EDUCATION AID-TRANSITION PLAN** (Marshall & Donovan) This act would provide that the transition plan for education aid begun in fiscal year 2012 would be frozen in place and halted at the rates and calculations in effect for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and for all fiscal years thereafter. Finance
- H-7549** **EDUCATION AID-DETERMINATION OF STATE SHARE** (Marshall & Others) This act would provide that commencing fiscal year 2019 and thereafter, all state funds appropriated for educational purposes pursuant to this chapter would be in an amount not less than the amount of funds appropriated in the previous fiscal year. Finance
- H-7552** **REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Price & Others) This act would restore the regionalization bonus in foundation education aid for certain regionalized school districts. Finance
- H-7553** **MICRO ZONE REVITALIZATION ACT** (Phillips & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures Finance
- H-7556** **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (Barros & Others) This act would amend provisions of the tax increment financing act in order to encourage municipalities to use tax increment financing to facilitate economic development. Finance
- S-2002** **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES-FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** (Conley & Others) This act would permit redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan. Finance
- S-2014** **REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by setting the amount of the regionalization bonus at two percent (2%) of the state's share of the foundation education aid formula, and by removing the provision that the bonus would cease in the third fiscal year after regionalization. Finance
- S-2017** **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Finance
- S-2049** **SPECIAL EDUCATION-EXTRAORDINARY COSTS DEFINED** (DiPalma & Others) This act would redefine extraordinary costs associated with the education of special education students to be costs that are above the core foundation amount. Finance
- S-2059** **EDUCATION AID-QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would amend the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment

based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to all school years commencing on or after July 1, 2018. Finance

S-2060 **NARRAGANSETT BAY MARINE TASK FORCE-APPROPRIATIONS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would provide for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay. Finance

S-2062 **QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would permit a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

S-2063 **QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would increase the maximum tax for qualifying low-income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

S-2068 **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION-MICRO ZONES** (Metts & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures. Finance

S-2074 **QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Picard & Cote) This act would increase the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

S-2119 **APPROPRIATION-AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH** (Crowley & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the department of health for evidence-based after school programming for youth to decrease mental health concerns. Finance

S-2127 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Coyne & Others) This act would require municipalities to exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, who occupies the real property as their principal place of residence. Finance

S-2132 **REVALUATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY- ASSESSMENT CAP** (Ciccione and Lombardi) This act would place a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2018 and every December 31 thereafter. This cap would not apply to a newly constructed building or a newly constructed addition to an existing building for a period of three (3) years after completion. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2192 **REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Archambault & Others) Exempts from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments. Finance

S-2193 **BOND ISSUANCE-INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (Pearson & Others) This act would incorporate bonds issued by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank into the computation of school housing aid assistance and school housing project costs. The act would also remove certain requirements as to how suppliers must expend funds for certain eligible expenditures related to conservation or improvements to watershed lands. Finance

S-2195 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (Lynch Prata & Others) This act would amend the law on property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons by eliminating the lowest income range of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), increasing the income range from thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and increasing the maximum credit amount for property tax relief to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). In addition, it would eliminate the credit derived from video lottery terminals. Finance

S-2198 **COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish a community senior services grant program to provide financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations which operate senior centers and/or senior programs. Finance

S-2204 **TAXATION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY** (Metts & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to tax real and/or personal property owned, leased or operated in whole or in part by any nonprofit institution of higher education or nonprofit hospital currently exempt by charter, general, or public law. This act would take effect upon passage and apply to real and tangible property evaluations performed on December 31, 2018 and all future assessments. Finance

S-2205 **REGIONALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT BONUSES** (Kettle & Morgan) This act would revise the timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts. The act would provide for a two percent (2%) regionalization bonus to all regionalized school districts commencing in fiscal year 2019. This act would also remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the bonus to regionalized school districts over a two (2) year period. Finance

S-2209 **EDUCATION AID** (Picard) This act would delete the provisions of § 16-7-34.3 regarding reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students, and would add similar language to §16-7.2-6 providing permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units. Finance

S-2215 **CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATIONAL COSTS-INVOICES** (Satchell & Others) This act would require charter schools to issue a detailed invoice to the public-school districts for local aid, only for those resident students who are enrolled at the charter public school during the quarter prior to said date. Finance

S-2221 **SCHOOL HOUSING AID-INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (Metts & Others) This act would provide school housing aid for certain projects approved by the state including funding for payment of interest on certain bonds and leases. Finance

S-2239 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Pearson & Others) This act would create a municipal infrastructure grant program within the department of administration (DOA) to issue grants and provide assistance for municipal and other public infrastructure projects that support job creation and expansion, housing development and rehabilitation, community development, and for the accommodation of future growth and redevelopment. Housing & Municipal Government

FIRE DISTRICTS

H-7281 ***RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER*** (Price and Kennedy) This act would repeal the current chapter for the Richmond-Carolina fire district and would replace it with a charter supported by the town council of the town of Richmond and approved by fire district voters at a special district meeting held on November 9, 2017. Finance

S-2098 ***OPEN MEETINGS*** (Felag & Others) This act would exempt fire companies with no tax and/or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act. Judiciary

HOUSING

H-7316 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** (Slater & Others) This act would require the general assembly to appropriate not less than five million dollars annually in capital financing for affordable housing development. Finance

H-7418 **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY-EMERGENCY GENERATORS** (Costantino & Others) This act would require emergency generators in any elderly housing complex consisting of more than three (3) residential units in one building. H.E.W.

H-7528 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Williams & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

S-2133 **HOMELESS PERSONS-SERVICE ANIMALS** (Seveney & Others) This act would protect homeless persons in possession of a service animal, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, from being denied access to any homeless shelter in violation of the ADA or the state or federal Fair Housing Practices Acts. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2301 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

LABOR RELATIONS

H-7198 **CONTINUATION OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS** (*Vella-Wilkinson and Others*) This act would require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

H-7377 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*McEntee & Others*) This act would relieve municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

H-7378 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*McEntee & Others*) This act would relieve municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

H-7379 **TEACHER AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION** (*Vella-Wilkinson & Others*) This act would make the arbitrator's decision binding on all matters pertaining to certified public-school teachers and municipal employees, including those matters involving the expenditure of money. Labor

S-2157 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REQUEST FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (*Archambault & Others*) This act would change the last day upon which a bargaining agent for a municipal police arbitration may make written request to the corporate authorities for collective bargaining from one hundred twenty (120) days before the last day on which money can be appropriated by the city or town to cover the contract period which is the subject of the collective bargaining procedure, to one hundred twenty (120) days before the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement. Labor

S-2158 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*Coyne & Others*) This act would relieve municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

S-2160 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*Coyne & Others*) This act would relieve municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-7092 **MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES** (Morin & Others) This act would reduce the alcoholic beverage manufacturing and wholesale licensing fee from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to five hundred dollars (\$500). Finance

H-7322 **RETAIL WHOLESALE LICENSES** (Ucci) This act would provide that holders of a Class P alcoholic beverage license may purchase alcohol at retail or wholesale. Corporations

H-7364 **BREW PUB MANUFACTURERS LICENSE** (O'Grady & Others) This act would allow the holder of a brewpub manufacturer's license to sell products directly to holders of Class B, Class B-V, and Class C licenses. Corporations

H-7479 **CLASS P LICENSES-CATERERS** (Ajello & Others) This act would create additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve alcohol and would provide for the additional penalty of possible suspension or revocation of the Class P license for violations of this section. Corporations

H-7516 **TAXATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Carson) This act would exempt from taxation the donation of alcoholic beverages to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Finance

S-2107 **WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE** (Satchell & Others) This act would create a wine direct shipper license for licensed producers in this or any state, to directly ship a limited amount of wine to residents age twenty-one (21) or older, for personal consumption, with oversight by the department of business regulation and the division of taxation. Violations of this act would be punishable as a misdemeanor, with a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and/or imprisonment for a period of up to one year. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

PLANNING & ZONING

H-7332 **ZONING BOARDS OF REVIEW** (*Cunha & Others*) *This act would place the power of appointment of members of the municipal zoning boards in the mayor of a city or town or in the town or city council if there is no mayor except for the town of North Providence. Judiciary*

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-7084 **MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING** (Lombardi & Hull) This act would require the police officer commission on standards and training to establish mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees in all incidents involving mental health literacy. H.E.W.

H-7084 **TRAFFIC STOP EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Lombardi) This act would require that all driver education programs incorporate as part of their curriculum a section designed to teach applicants the prohibitions and obligations relating to traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement officers and the procedure for filing a complaint alleging any violations. H.E.W.

H-7085 **TRAINING STANDARDS-PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** (Lombardi & Hull) This act would require mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability. H.E.W.

H-7112 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Perez & Others) This act would allow those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders. Judiciary

H-7165 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS AND TRIGGER CRANKS** (Perez & Others) This act would define bump stock and trigger crank and would make possession of any firearm equipped with either device a felony punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-7194 **TRAFFIC STOP EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Lombardi) This act would require driver's instruction courses and tests to include instruction and information on a driver's responsible conduct, including, but not limited to, the rights provided to driver's pursuant to the "comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015" during a traffic stop. H.E.W.

H-7302 **FIREWORKS** (Corvese & Others) This act would prohibit the use of display fireworks, or aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and would make a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and court costs. Judiciary

H-7303 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION** (Jacquard and Others) This act would provide that only those juveniles over the age of fourteen (14) be required to register as sex offenders and that the offense be comparable or more severe than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2241. Judiciary

H-7451 **CELL PHONE TRACKING** (Craven & Others) This act would provide that the warrant and notice requirements for all cell phone tracking do not apply to location information obtained by a court order dealing with interception of wire and oral communications or dealing with pen registers and trap and trace devices. Judiciary

H-7505 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Johnston) This act would create a new chapter to address crimes against public trust providing felony or misdemeanor charges and restitution for various crimes included therein, and would extend the statute of limitations for certain violations under said chapter as well as §

11-41-27 relative to wrongful conversion by officers or state or municipal employees to ten (10) years, and would amend the "Rhode Island Public Employee Pension Revocation and Reduction Act" to provide for the revocation or reduction of any pension benefits, if applicable. Judiciary

H-7518 **POLICE TRAINING-REIMBURSEMENT** (Roberts & Others) This act would require any police department that hires an officer employed by another police department within the state of Rhode Island to reimburse the municipality for which the officer first worked, for all costs and expenses associated with the officer's training and education provided that such costs were incurred within five years of the hiring. Municipal Government

H-7536 **CURFEW STREETS** (Edwards & Others) This act would eliminate the designation of "curfew streets" by police chiefs or police commissioners. Judiciary

S-2027 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS** (Seveney & Others) This act would make it unlawful to possess, transport, manufacture, ship or sell a bump stock. Violation would subject the offender to imprisonment for a period of not more than five (5) years and/or a fine up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or both. Judiciary

S-2030 **MOTOR VEHICLES-UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle for longer than fifteen (15) minutes or any child under fourteen (14) for any length of time in extreme heat or cold, punishable for a first offense by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and for subsequent offenses by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and/or by a fine of no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

S-2089 **ANIMALS-CONFINEMENT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE** (Archambault & Others) This act would authorize a law enforcement or animal control officer to hold an animal confined in a motor vehicle up to seventy-two (72) hours pending a district court hearing as to medical costs, fees, charges, and/or surrender of physical possession and ownership of the animal. Judiciary

S-2096 **ASSAULT-POLICE OFFICERS/OTHER OFFICIALS** (Ciccione & Others) This act would provide that assaults on police officers and other officials be punished by no less than one year but no more than three years' incarceration. Judiciary

S-2139 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Archambault & Others) This act would authorize the attorney general to enter into agreements with other states and counties from other states to recognize and give reciprocity to concealed weapon permit holders allowing them to carry concealed weapons in this state. The other states shall have the ability to provide immediate verification of the applicant's permit. This act would also provide that any law enforcement officer with a valid, government issued identification card identifying themselves as such, can carry a concealed weapon anywhere in this state. Judiciary

S-2143 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-VARIOUS AMENDMENTS** (Archambault & Others) This act would make numerous changes to the procedures regarding the issuance of concealed carry permits, the fees associated with their issuance, and the public records accessible by the public in relating thereto. Judiciary

S-2144 **FIREARM SILENCERS-DEFINITIONS AND PERMITTED USES** (Archambault & Others) This act would define a firearm silencer and permit the use of such a device on any firearm with an overall length of seventeen inches (17") or greater and would permit the use of such a device for lawful hunting activity. Judiciary

S-2151 **LINE OF DUTY ILLNESS OR INJURY-CAMPUS POLICE** (Archambault & Others) This act would add campus police officers to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, and benefits during periods of whole or partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty, or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty. Judiciary

S-2292 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS, BINARY TRIGGERS, TRIGGER CRANKS** (Seveney & Others) This act would make possession or use of a semi-automatic weapon rapid fire device including bump stocks, binary triggers or trigger cranks punishable by up to ten (10) years 3 imprisonment and/or a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) fine. Judiciary

RETIREMENT

H-7017 **TEACHER RETIREMENT-SUBSTITUTE TEACHING** (Bennett & Others) This act would increase the number of days a retired teacher may substitute teach or be otherwise employed by a school system from ninety (90) days to one hundred (100) days without a reduction or forfeiture of retirement benefits. Finance

H-7213 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Casey & Others) This act would add tutoring to the list of occupations which may be performed at a state college or university by a retired public officer or employee without forfeiture or impairment of retirement benefits, subject to an annual limitation of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000). Finance

S-2124 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM-STATE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (Coyne & Others) This act would move many state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2018. It would set their retirement contribution to ten percent (10%) of their compensation. Finance

S-2125 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Archambault & Others) This act would remove some of the restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees. Finance

S-2155 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT-TOWN TREASURER** (Lombardi & Kettle) This act would allow a retired member of the teachers, state employees, or municipal retirement system to serve as an elected town treasurer without a suspension of their retirement benefits. Judiciary

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-7080 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would authorize a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. Corporations

S-2091 **FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES/TAX SALES-VACANT PROPERTY** (Archambault & Others) This act would expedite the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend the provisions of the general laws on tax sales in order to, among other things, establish priorities of tax liens, clarify the effect of late recordings and simplify procedures in the event of a void sale. Judiciary

S-2093 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Seveney & Others) This act would authorize a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. This act would take effect on January 1, 2019. Judiciary

S-2145 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Crowley) This act would authorize a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-7059 **BEACH USER FEES** (Lancia & Others) This act would eliminate user fees for access to any state beach. Finance

H-7079 **TOWING OF VEHICLES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred. Corporations

H-7190 **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-PRODUCE SCALES** (Chippendale and Winfield) This act would provide that sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns would receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services. Corporations

H-7286 **OPEN MEETINGS- AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require audio and video recordings of certain open meetings of municipal government to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office. The secretary of state would be required to post recordings of these open meetings on its website and to be available for public access. Finance

H-7287 **OPEN MEETINGS- AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require audio and video recordings of all open meetings of state and quasi-public agencies and bodies to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office. The secretary of state would post recordings of all open meetings on its website to be available for public access. Finance

H-7349 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Roberts & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-7365 **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHTS- MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT DEDUCTIONS** (Vella-Wilkinson and Others) This act would allow municipalities a deduction from the electric rate tariff relating to streetlights not providing lighting due to capping or malfunction. Corporations

H-7384 **BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS** (Amore & Others) This act would require that all persons serving on boards and commissions appointed by the governor have a connection to the state through residence or licensure. Judiciary

H-7423 **SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS-LICENSING** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the licensing requirements for certain shows or exhibitions occurring on Sundays with certain designated cities and/or towns. Corporations

H-7435 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Lancia & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-7440 **BRIDGES-FASTENING OF VESSELS** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge. Judiciary

H-7465 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require government officials to convert all data, electronic or otherwise, retained in compliance with the access to public records act, into a form readily and easily retrievable to enable them to comply with a records request. Judiciary

H-7507 **SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS** (Edwards & Others) This act would amend § 5-22-12, thereby removing the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday. Judiciary

H-7524 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Regunberg & Others) This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary

H-7526 **VOTER ELIGIBILITY** (Amore & Others) This act would allow individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election. Judiciary

S-2014 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish an office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds, regardless of whether funds are from the state, federal or local governments. The inspector general would oversee all state programs and operations as well as the procurement of supplies by state agencies. Government Ethics & Oversight

S-2150 **TOWING OF VEHICLES** (Ciccione & Lombardi) This act would require that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred. Judiciary

S-2172 **RELOCATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY POLES** (Fogarty & Nesslebush) This act would require that all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way be borne by the public utility. Commerce

SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS

BARRINGTON

H-7176 *Taking of Seaweed-Repealed*

BRISTOL

H-7366 *Act to Incorporate Juniper Hill Cemetery-Various Amendments*

CENTRAL FALLS

H-7484 *Retiree Pension Benefit- Increase to 87.5% of Basic Benefit as of July 31, 2011*

S-7261 *Alcoholic Beverages-Class A Licenses-Hours of Operation*

COVENTRY

H-7174 *Building/Demolition Permits-Non-Issuance for Arrears on Taxes, Liens, Assessments*

H-7205 *Sewer Authority-Interest on Borrowed Funds*

H-7206 *Wastewater System Sewers/Projects-Appropriations-Voter Approval Required*

S-2010 *Sewer Authority-Interest on Borrowed Funds*

S-2020 *Sewer Authority-Connection and Assessment Requirements*

S-2085 *Wastewater System Sewers/Projects-Appropriations-Voter Approval Required*

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S-2045 *Twin River and Tiverton Gaming Facility-State Operated Sports Wagering*

LITTLE COMPTON

H-7274 *Interest on Overdue Property Tax Payments- Exemption*

H-7232 *Waters Off Goat Island-Obstructions to Navigation*

H-7403 *Bridge Tolls-Exemptions-Veterans and Active Duty Military*

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H-7130 *Transportation Network Companies-Establishment of Regulations*

NEWPORT

H-7232 *Waters Off Goat Island-Obstructions to Navigation*

H-7403 *Bridge Tolls-Exemptions-Veterans and Active Duty Military*

H-7441 *Easton's Beach-Removal of Gravel or Deposit of Debris-Repeal*

NORTH KINGSTOWN

H-7012 *Quonset Development Corporation-Operational Debt -\$1,000,000*

H-7405 *Quonset Development Corporation-Operational Debt -\$1,000,000*

S-2215 *Quonset Development Corporation-Operational Debt -\$1,000,000*

PAWTUCKET

H-7290 *Resolution and Act Authorizing Financing Lease and Payments -Construction of a Ballpark*

S-2001 *Resolution and Act Authorizing Financing Lease and Payments -Construction of a Ballpark*

SMITHFIELD

H-7425 *Smithfield Land Trust-Transfer of Functions to the Town*

S-2084 *Interest on Delinquent Water Payments- 12%*

TIVERTON

H-7173 *Computation of School Housing Aid-Reimbursement-40%*

H-7513 *Taxation of Exempt Property Upon Transfer*

H-7559 *Veterans Exemptions-Tax Credits*

S-2045 *Twin River and Tiverton Gaming Facility-State Operated Sports Wagering*

WARWICK

H-7088 *Municipal Services-Airport Corporation-Compensation to the City*

H-7089 *Monitoring/Remediation of the "Truk-Away" Landfill Site- \$100,000*

S-2064 *Municipal Services-Airport Corporation-Compensation to the City*

WEST GREENWICH

H-7515 *Poverty & Infirmary Tax Liens*

WOONSOCKET

H-7186 *Nomination of Party and Independent Candidates-Required Signatures*

S-2006 *Nomination of Party and Independent Candidates-Required Signatures*



Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns

Overview of Governor's FY 2019 Budget Proposal
January 22, 2018

Summary

Governor Raimondo's FY 2019 budget proposal increases appropriated funding to Rhode Island's cities and towns by \$34.7 million over the current fiscal year – \$21.2 million more in appropriated aid to cities and towns and \$13.5 million more to school districts and charter schools.

- The budget includes an additional \$20.2 million to reimburse cities and towns for the second year of the motor vehicle tax phase-out in FY 2019.
- It increases funding for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) by \$0.9 million – This level maintains the state commitment to fund PILOT at 27.0 percent of the revenue foregone to municipalities because of tax-exempt property.
- It funds the Distressed Communities Relief Fund at the same level as FY 2018 – \$12.3 million.
- The budget fully funds the eighth year of the elementary and secondary education funding formula – an increase of \$13.5 million in distributed education aid to school districts and charter schools.

Additionally, the budget anticipates total pass-through funding (hotel/lodging and meals/beverage taxes) of \$53.8 million in FY 2019, an increase of \$3.3 million over FY 2018 enacted level of \$50.5 million. It also increases the estimated amount of pass-through funds for FY 2018 by \$0.4 million – to \$50.9 million.

The Governor recommends \$650.0 million in state funds for school construction (often referred to as "housing aid" in policy and budget documents) over the next five years, consisting of the following:

- \$250.0 million in new funding from a general obligation bond to provide a pay-as-you-go funding stream to reduce municipal borrowing costs
- \$400.0 million in the existing school housing aid program (\$80.0 million per year over five years – maintaining current budget levels)

The budget documents also assume that cities and towns will spend \$350.0 million in local funds for school construction during this period – for a total of \$1.0 billion over five years.

Other Noteworthy Provisions

Resource Recovery Scoop – The RI Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) has increased municipal tipping fees 23.4 percent – from \$32/ton to \$39.50/ton in FY 2018 – raising costs to cities and towns by about \$2.0 million. RIRRC will also raise rates again to \$47 per ton in FY 2019 – for an estimated total increase of \$4.2 million over the two years. The Governor's budget includes

a provision that would “scoop” \$6.0 million of RIRRC resources for deficit reduction – \$3.0 million in FY 2018 and \$3.0 million in FY 2019. The League strongly opposes this recommendation, as municipal tipping fee increases would effectively be used to close a state budget deficit.

Medical Marijuana Expansion – The budget proposes expanding the number of medical marijuana compassion centers from three to fifteen. At the same time, it would also reduce the number of marijuana plants that caregivers can possess from twelve to eight – apparently to encourage more sales through regulated compassion centers instead of through home growers. The budget does not specify the potential locations for these new facilities and requires an application process through the Department of Business Regulation. The League believes that, as in Massachusetts, Rhode Island cities and towns should have a voice in where these marijuana facilities are located.

Reforms to Injured on Duty Compensation – The Governor proposes narrow reforms to the Injured on Duty program, targeted to state public safety employees and not municipal employees. The state’s current law provides an injured or sick police officer or firefighter 100% of pay and benefits for the duration of his/her incapacity or any reoccurrence of any prior injury or sickness. If a public safety employee applies for a disability retirement benefit, the employer must pay IOD throughout the entire process.

If denied disability retirement benefits by the state Retirement Board or local pension board, municipal public safety employees may appeal decisions to the Workers Compensation Court for *de novo* review. Under state law, municipal public safety employees receive IOD benefits until a final determination by the Workers Compensation Court. As a result, cities and towns can have employees out on IOD for many years, collecting full pay and benefits.

The Governor’s budget would terminate IOD payments to state employees after a final disability pension decision by the Retirement Board or other court or relevant jurisdiction. (State employees like Sheriffs may not appeal to Workers Compensation Court.) The League believes that IOD reforms should extend to municipal employees to prevent abuse of the IOD benefit.

Additional Detail

School Construction

The FY 2019 budget maintains \$80.0 million in funding for the School Housing Aid Program, which reimburses local government for qualifying school construction and renovation projects.

As noted earlier, the Governor’s larger school construction initiative would occur over the next five years. The Governor recommends \$650.0 million in state funds for school construction over the next five years, consisting of the following:

- \$250.0 million in new funding from general obligation bond to provide a pay-as-you-go funding stream to reduce municipal borrowing costs

- \$400.0 million in the existing school housing aid program (\$80.0 million per year over five years – maintaining current budget levels)

The budget documents also assume that cities and towns will spend \$350.0 million in local funds for school construction during this period – for a total of \$1.0 billion over five years.

The details of the Governor’s school construction proposal largely reflect the recommendations of the School Facility Task Force, on which Jamestown Town Manager Andy Nota served as the League’s representative. In some cases, the Governor’s recommendations positively reflect feedback from the League and Andy Nota after the Task Force’s report.

Enhanced State Reimbursement Rates – The state currently reimburses cities and towns for a portion of the costs of qualifying school construction and renovation projects. Reimbursement rates range from 35.0% to 96.7%, as determined by the RI Department of Education (RIDE). The Governor proposes temporary increases to state reimbursement rates for priority projects.

Enhancements include:

- Addressing health and safety deficiencies – additional 5.0%, for projects that have started construction before 2023
- Educational enhancements for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) – additional 5.0%, for projects starting before 2023
- Addressing severely deficient buildings (i.e., Facilities Condition Index score of 65.0% or greater) – additional 5.0%, for projects starting before 2024
- Increasing functional utilization of a building from below 60.0% (i.e., downsize or consolidate)– additional 5.0%, for projects starting before 2024
- Decreasing utilization from above 120.0% (i.e., address overcrowding) – additional 5.0%, for projects starting before 2024
- Consolidating two or more buildings – additional 5.0%, for projects starting before 2024

The legislation caps the total incentives so that the state share cannot exceed 100%, nor can the “district’s share be decreased by more than half of its regular share irrespective of the number of incentive points received.” Further, projects that were approved prior to July 1, 2017 but had not started construction by 2018 would also be eligible for incentives.

Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Funding Stream – The state now reimburses cities and towns for school construction when debt payments are made. This approach requires municipalities to borrow the entire cost of the project. Following an approach used in Massachusetts, the Governor recommends creating a PAYGO funding stream to provide state resources at the time of the project, thereby reducing municipal borrowing costs. A general obligation bond of \$250.0 million – for voter consideration in November 2018 – would be used to capitalize this fund.

The budget article does not include much detail about how PAYGO funds would be distributed other than language that such funds be “offered proportionately to [local education authorities]

based on the total state share of foundational housing aid awarded to projects in that year.” The School Building Authority would be responsible for determining the details of PAYGO fund distribution.

Other Components

- Transfers School Building Authority (SBA) from RIDE to the RI Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC)
 - NOTE: The budget article authorizes RIHEBC to charge municipal bond origination fees to support staffing and operations, which may increase the cost of borrowing
- Require SBA approval of prime contractors for projects greater than \$10.0 million
- Requires projects greater than \$1.5 million to have an Owners Program Manager and Commissioning Agent, with costs borne by the School Building Authority
 - NOTE: The original task force recommendations would have had those costs shared between state and municipality, which the League flagged as an unfunded mandate. The budget language represents an improvement.
- Permits environmental site remediation as a reimbursable expense, up to \$1.0 million
- SBA to create a statewide maintenance checklist and facilities standards, including a mandatory annual spending amount for maintenance and/or capital reserve, starting in FY 2020
 - NOTE: The Task Force recommendations set a maintenance spending target of 3.0 percent of asset value. We expressed concern about that specific target given the lack of baseline data. The Governor’s Office agreed to let the details be decided through regulation.
- Authorizes RI Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) to access state education aid if municipalities or school districts do not make payment on bonds secured through the agency. RIIB currently finances energy efficient projects for schools, but not larger construction or renovation projects, which are handled by RIHEBC.
 - NOTE: RIHEBC currently has this “backstop” authorization.

School Funding Formula

The Governor’s budget includes \$1.195 billion in funding to local governments for elementary and secondary education in FY 2019 – an increase of \$18.5 million (1.5 percent) over FY 2018 revised levels. The additional funding falls into the following categories:

- \$13.5 million more to local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools – fully funding the eighth year of the education funding formula. Of that total, \$6.3 million is directed to LEAs, and \$7.2 million to charter schools.
 - NOTE: Because communities gaining under the education funding formula had additional state funding spread out over the first seven years, the eighth year represents a lower rate of growth for numerous communities.
- \$0.3 million less in funding for non-distributed aid (“categorical” spending). It increases the textbook expansion program by \$150,000 over FY 2018 revised levels, but decreases

density funding to charter schools by about \$400,000. FY 2019 is the third and final year of the density aid program.

- \$5.3 million in additional state funding for teacher's retirement. Under current law, the state pays 40.0 percent of employer contributions to the Teacher's Retirement System.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

The Governor's budget includes an additional \$20.2 million to reimburse cities and towns for the second year of the motor vehicle tax phase-out. In FY 2019, the following changes are scheduled to occur:

- Vehicles would be valued at 90% of NADA Clean Retail Value (down from 95% in FY 2018)
- The minimum exemption amount would increase to \$2,000 (from \$1,000 in FY 2018)
- The maximum motor vehicle tax rate would decrease to \$50 per \$1,000 of assessed value (down from \$60 in FY 2018)

Prior to FY 2018, cities and towns received \$10.0 million annually as partial compensation for exempting the first \$500 of vehicle value. In FY 2018, the first year of the motor vehicle phase-out was supported by \$24.5 million in state reimbursement to cities and towns. Cumulatively, cities and towns will receive \$54.7 million in FY 2019 to support car tax repeal.

State Aid – Formula Funding

The Governor's budget increases other formula state aid by \$0.9 million, exclusively from increases in PILOT funding.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) – The Governor increases PILOT funding by \$0.9 million, from \$45.2 million to \$46.1 million. For the third consecutive year, the budget achieves the state commitment to fund PILOT at 27.0 percent of the revenue foregone to municipalities because of tax-exempt property. The majority of the additional funds would go to Bristol, East Greenwich, Providence and Cranston.

Distressed Communities – The FY 2019 budget maintains FY 2018 funding of \$12.4 million for distressed communities. Based on the distressed community funding formula criteria, one community would see an increase (Johnston), while seven would see reductions (Central Falls, East Providence, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket).

State Library Aid – The Governor proposes \$8.6 million in state library aid to cities and towns, consistent with FY 2018 levels.

State Aid – Pass-Through

The Governor's budget includes \$53.8 million in pass-through state aid in FY 2019, an increase of \$3.3 million over FY 2018 enacted level of \$50.5 million. The budget also revises FY 2018 pass-

through funds upward by \$0.4 million to \$50.9 million. These increases are driven by actual and projected revenue increases from the hotel tax and meals & beverage tax.

- NOTE: The budget includes language expanding the state's ability to withhold pass-through funds if a municipality does not remit money owed to the state within 90 days.

Meals & Beverage Tax – The budget includes \$29.7 million in pass-through revenue from the meals and beverage tax in FY 2019. The budget also revises FY 2018 meals and beverage revenue upward to \$27.8 million, \$0.1 million more than the FY 2018 enacted amount of \$27.7 million.

Hotel Tax – The budget includes \$10.9 million in pass-through revenue from the hotel and lodging tax in FY 2019. The budget also revises FY 2018 hotel tax revenue upward to \$9.9 million, \$0.3 million more than the FY 2018 enacted amount of \$9.6 million.

Public Service Corporation Tax – The budget includes \$13.2 million in pass-through revenue from the Public Service Corporation Tax in FY 2019, equal to the amount in FY 2018.

Green Economy Bond

The budget proposes a general obligation bond of \$48.5 million for voter approval in November 2018. The bond would include funding for the following initiatives and projects:

Local Recreation and Green Space (\$24.0 million)

- State park and facility upgrades – \$10.0 million
- Local recreation grants – \$5.0 million (municipalities require 20% match)
- Bike paths – \$5.0 million
- Open space preservation – \$2.0 million
- Farmland preservation – \$2.0 million

Climate Action & Resiliency (\$20.5 million)

- Clean Water (state revolving fund) – \$6.1 million
- Flood mitigation – \$5.0 million
- Wastewater facility resiliency – \$5.0 million
- Dam safety – \$4.4 million

Brownfields (\$4.0 million) – Municipalities or other project partners require 20% match

Other Items of Interest

Scoops – In addition to the Resource Recovery scoop listed above, the budget transfers funds from other quasi-public agencies that provide services to municipalities:

- Rhode Island Housing – \$5.0 million in FY 2019; \$6.0 million in FY 2018
- Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank – \$8.5 million in FY 2018

Municipal Police Training School Tuition – The budget would allow the Department of Public Safety to charge tuition and fees for the Municipal Police Training Academy, including a charge for a statewide physical training test. The budget summary assumes collections of \$255,000 in tuition and fees in FY 2019.

Higher Education & Industry Center – The budget authorizes creation of additional Centers, modeled on the Westerly Higher Education Center, which coordinates educational training from CCRI to address specific employer needs (including Electric Boat). The budget summary indicates that one new Center would be established in northern Rhode Island.

State Planning Council – The Governor proposes changes to the size and jurisdiction of the Council (to which the League has three municipal appointments):

- Reduces the size by two public members
- Removes requirement that the long-range state guide plan be consistent with the RI Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act
- Removes Council as the metropolitan planning organization for transportation planning

Main Street Streetscape & Technical Assistance – The Governor’s budget includes \$0.5 million for streetscape improvements to create an attractive environment in local business districts. It also includes \$0.2 million to “assist municipalities in addressing and streamlining their respective zoning, planning and permitting codes and processes.”

Senior Centers – The budget provides \$0.8 million in FY 2019 for operational support for senior centers – up from \$0.4 million in FY 2018.

Professional Licensing – The budget removes the statutory requirement that the Department of Health ensure compliance with local zoning ordinances for barbers, manicurists, and hairdressers. The Administration notes that this certification is viewed as an unnecessary step in the licensing process and has offered its repeal as part of section to improve business climate.

Building & Fire Code – Recommended budget language would consolidate all state building, fire code, inspection and contractor registration offices within the Department of Business Regulation.

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Date: February 14, 2018

To: Andrew Nota
Town Administrator

From: Michael Gray
Public Works Director

RE: Bid Award
East Ferry Parking Area Improvements

A bid was advertised for the proposed site improvements for East Ferry that was approved by the Town Council. The project includes the following:

- Removal and disposal of curb and sidewalks
- Installation of new granite curbing
- Construction of exposed aggregate sidewalks and handicap ramps
- Installation of new drainage structures and piping
- Installation of stamped and colored concrete crosswalks
- Construction of a new field stone retaining wall
- Installation of site lighting
- Removal of existing asphalt and installation of new paving
- Striping
- Installation of new regulatory signage
- Refurbish concrete posts and curb at seawall
- Stone seawall repairs

A pre-bid meeting was held on January 12, 2018 at the Town Hall that was attended by Ten (10) contractors. Bids were received on February 12, 2018 from three (3) contractors and were open and read in public. The following is a summary of the three bids received:

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Cardi Corporation Inc. | \$419,360.50 |
| Narragansett Improvement Co. | \$437,580.65 |
| New England Building & Bridge | \$557,210.00 |

The improvements will be paid for with funding from the Water Front Reserve and a grant received from the R.I Commerce Corporation. The seawall repair and refurbishment of the concrete posts and curb will be funded through the Harbor Budget. This capital work was previously approved by the Harbor Commission.

I have reviewed the bids received and recommend that the bid for the East Ferry Improvement Project be awarded to **Cardi Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$419,360.50.**

Construction of the project will be completed over two phases. The first phase will be from Notice to Proceed until May 4, 2018. The second phase will begin on September 17, 2018 with a substantial completion date of November 16, 2018.

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

RE: Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island civil suit against those legally responsible for the wrongful distribution of prescription opiates and damages caused thereby.

The Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island (hereinafter “CLIENT”) hereby retains outside counsel, pursuant to the Rhode Island Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, on a contingent fee basis, to pursue all civil remedies against those in the chain of distribution of prescription opiates responsible for the opioid epidemic which is plaguing Smithfield, Rhode Island, including, but not limited to, filing a claim for public nuisance to abate the damages caused thereby. CLIENT consents to the participation of the following firms (hereinafter “FIRMS”):

HAMEL, WAXLER, ALLEN & COLLINS
395 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island

THE LAW OFFICE OF LUCAS MAGAZINE, PLLC
8606 Government Drive
New Port Richey, Florida

BARON & BUDD, PC
3102 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 1100
Dallas, Texas

LEVIN, PAPANTONIO, THOMAS, MITCHELL, RAFFERTY & PROCTOR, PA
316 South Baylen Street
Pensacola, Florida

GREENE, KETCHUM, FARRELL, BAILEY & TWEEL, LLP
419 11th Street
Huntington, West Virginia

HILL PETERSON CARPER BEE & DEITZLER PLLC
500 Tracy Way
Charleston, West Virginia

MCHUGH FULLER LAW GROUP
97 Elias Whiddon Road
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

POWELL & MAJESTRO, PLLC
405 Capitol Street, P-1200
Charleston, West Virginia

In consideration, CLIENT agrees to pay thirty percent (30%) of the total recovery (gross) in favor of the CLIENT as an attorney fee whether the claim is resolved by compromise, settlement, or trial and verdict (and appeal). The gross recovery shall be calculated on the amount obtained before the deduction of costs and expenses. Total fees and expenses shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the gross recovery. CLIENT grants the Firm an interest in a fee based on the gross recovery. If a court awards attorneys' fees, the Firm shall receive the "greater of" the gross recovery-based contingent fee or the attorneys' fees awarded. **There is no fee if there is no recovery.**

The FIRMS shall advance all necessary litigation expenses necessary to prosecute these claims. All such litigation expenses, including the reasonable internal costs of electronically stored information (ESI) and electronic discovery generally or the direct costs incurred from any outside contractor for those services, will be deducted from any recovery after the contingent fee is calculated. **There is no reimbursement of litigation expenses if there is no recovery.**

The CLIENT acknowledges this fee is reasonable given the time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, and the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly, the likelihood this employment will preclude other employment by the Firm, the fee customarily charged in the locality for similar legal services, the anticipated (contingent) litigation expenses and the anticipated results obtained, the experience, reputation, and ability of the lawyer or lawyers performing the services and the fact that the fee is contingent upon a successful recovery.

This litigation is intended to address a significant problem in the community. The litigation focuses on the wholesale distributors and manufacturers of opioids and their role in the diversion of millions of prescription opiates into the illicit market which has resulted in opioid addiction, abuse, morbidity and mortality. There is no easy solution and no precedent for such an action against this sector of the industry. Many of the facts of the case are locked behind closed doors. The billion-dollar industry denies liability. The litigation will be very expensive and the litigation expenses will be advanced by the Firm with reimbursement contingent upon a successful recovery. The outcome is uncertain, as is all civil litigation, with compensation contingent upon a successful recovery. Consequently, there must be a clear understanding between the CLIENT and the FIRMS regarding the definition of a "successful recovery."

The Firm intends to present a damage model designed to abate the public health and safety crisis. This damage model may take the form of money damages and/or equitable remedies (e.g., an abatement fund). The purpose of the lawsuit is to seek reimbursement of the costs incurred in the past fighting the opioid epidemic and/or recover the funds necessary to abate the health and safety crisis caused by the unlawful conduct of the wholesale distributors and manufacturers of opioids. The CLIENT agrees to compensate the Firm, contingent upon prevailing, by paying 30% of any settlement/resolution/judgment, in favor of the CLIENT, whether it takes the form of monetary damages or equitable relief. For instance, if the remedy is in the form of monetary damages, CLIENT agrees to pay 30% of the gross amount to Firm as compensation and then reimburse the reasonable litigation expenses. If the remedy is in the form of equitable relief (e.g., abatement fund), CLIENT agrees to pay 30% of the gross value of the equitable relief to the Firm as compensation and then reimburse the reasonable litigation expenses. To be clear, the Firm shall not be paid nor receive reimbursement from public funds

unless required by law. However, any judgment arising from successful prosecution of the case, or any consideration arising from a settlement of the matter, whether monetary or equitable, shall not be considered public funds for purposes of calculating the contingent fee unless required by law. Under no circumstances shall the CLIENT be obligated to pay any attorneys fee or any litigation expenses except from moneys expended by defendant(s) pursuant to the resolution of the CLIENT's claims. If the defendant(s) expend their own resources to abate the public health and safety crisis in exchange for a release of liability, then the Firm will be paid the designated contingent fee from the resources expended by the defendant(s). CLIENT acknowledges this is a necessary condition required by the Firm to dedicate their time and invest their resources on a contingent basis to this enormous project. If the defendant(s) negotiate a release of liability, then the Firm should be compensated based upon the consideration offered to induce the dismissal of the lawsuit.

The division of fees, expenses and labor between the FIRMS will be decided by private agreement between the law firms and subject to approval by the CLIENT. Any division of fees will be governed by the Rhode Island Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct including: (1) the division of fees is in proportion to the services performed by each lawyer or each lawyer assumes joint responsibility for the representation of the CLIENT in writing; (2) the CLIENT is advised of the share that each lawyer is to receive and does not object to the participation of all the lawyers involved; and (3) the total fee is reasonable.

The FIRMS shall appoint a contact person to keep the CLIENT reasonably informed about the status of the matter in a manner deemed appropriate by the CLIENT. The CLIENT at all times shall retain the authority to decide the disposition of the case and personally oversee and maintain absolute control of the litigation.

Upon conclusion of this matter, the FIRMS shall provide the CLIENT with a written statement stating the outcome of the matter and, if there is a recovery, showing the remittance to the client and the method of its determination. The closing statement shall specify the manner in which the compensation was determined under the agreement, any costs and expenses deducted by the lawyer from the judgment or settlement involved, and, if applicable, the actual division of the lawyers' fees with a lawyer not in the same firm, as required in Rule 1.5 of the Rhode Island Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. The closing statement shall be signed by the CLIENT and each attorney among whom the fee is being divided.

Nothing in this Agreement and nothing in the FIRMS' statement to the CLIENT may be construed as a promise or guarantee about the outcome of this matter. The FIRMS make no such promises or guarantees. FIRMS' comments about the outcome of this matter are expressions of opinion only and the FIRMS make no guarantee as to the outcome of any litigation, settlement or trial proceedings.

SIGNED, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Andrew Nota
Town Administrator
Town of Jamestown
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

Accepted:

By: _____
Eva-Marie Mancuso, Esq., Hamel, Waxler, Allen & Collins

Date: _____

By: _____
Archie Lamb, Esq., Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, PA

Date: _____

TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SESSION
February 5, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The interview session for the Jamestown Town Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Conference Room of the Jamestown Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

II. ROLL CALL

Town Council members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Michael G. White, Vice President
Mary E. Meagher
Eugene B. Mihaly

Town Council members absent:

Blake A. Dickinson

III. INTERVIEW SESSION

The following candidate was interviewed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Committee</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Lisa Hough | Zoning Board of Review Alternate |
| Barbara Lundy | Conservation Commission |
| Eric Lexow | Harbor Commission |
| Steven Bois | Harbor Commission |

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Town Council interviews were concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:



Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Town Solicitor
 Finance Director

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2018**

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Michael G. White, Vice President
Blake A. Dickinson
Mary E. Meagher
Eugene B. Mihaly

Also in attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Michael C. Gray, Public Works Director
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief
Lisa W. Bryer, Town Planner
Andrew J. Wade, Parks and Recreation Director
Mary Lou Sanborn, Library Trustees Chair
Sarah R. Baines, School Committee Vice Chair
Agnes C. Filkins, School Committee Member
Sally F. Schott, School Committee Member
Dorothy Strang, School Committee Member
Peter Anderson, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Carole Peterson, Melrose School Principal
Tracy Donnelly, RGB Architects
Jane Littlefield, Director of Finance
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

None.

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS,
RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

None.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled request to address. None.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address. None.

VII. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Andrew E. Nota
 - 1) Coyote Update.

Mr. Nota gave an overview of the meeting he and Chief Mello attended with RIDEM Chief of Law Enforcement Dean Hoxsie regarding ongoing observations of the deer herd in Jamestown. Chief Mello highlighted information from the meeting, including deer populations (estimated at 10 deer per square mile in Jamestown) and re-opening deer hunting on Dutch Island in the future. Discussion also involved coyote populations, limiting food sources, protecting pets, and public awareness. Public service announcements will appear in the *Jamestown Press* and Police Department website, with informational signage installed to make residents and visitors aware of best practices for dealing with coyotes and avoiding interactions. Discussion involved food sources that attract coyotes and coyote sightings.

Chief Mello referenced the recent breaking and entering event in Shoreby Hills and public forums scheduled on February 9th at the Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. and February 12th at the Library at 6:00 p.m. to inform residents how to protect themselves and their property.

- 2) Dutch Island Update.

Mr. Nota updated the Council on Dutch Island and the joint involvement between the Town and RIDEM to develop a management plan for the property.

- 3) School Department Budget Update.

Mr. Nota referenced School Committee members and professional staff in attendance and the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget provided to Council. The operating budget proposed reflects a 5.38% increase or \$688,000 over the current fiscal year, with a 6.38% increase in the Town's contribution or \$714,000. Upcoming School Committee meetings and budget sessions were noted to provide direct participation and information to the public. School Committee Member Strang commented on Vice President White's attendance at School Committee sessions.

- 4) State Transportation Improvement Program Update.

Mr. Nota reviewed an updated TIP report including drainage and pavement programs, transportation alternatives, and bridge and capital improvements. Councilor Meagher referenced the Jamestown Bridge Capital Program beginning in 2021, a total of \$19.55

million. Discussion of Narragansett Avenue conditions and replacement of the water main ensued.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Jamestown Town Council/Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees Letter of Understanding – approval by Town Council; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Councilor Meagher noted the discussion and consensus that resulted in the Letter of Understanding that is acceptable to the Council and Library Board of Trustees to articulate the unique relationship.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to approve the Letter of Understanding.

Discussion. The Board of Trustees has the Letter of Understanding on their agenda for approval tomorrow evening, with minor edits. Solicitor Ruggiero advised the Council accept the Letter of Understanding and authorize signing by the Council President after approval by the Library Board of Trustees. Library Board of Trustees Chair Sanborn noted the minor edit under procedures on Page 2, third paragraph, to add the words “Chair of the” after the words “. . . and share such communications with the” and before “LBOT”. This was implied by the first paragraph on Page 2 and as discussed at the work session.

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councilor Dickinson to include the Solicitor’s suggested language “and authorize the Council President to sign upon approval from the Library Board of Trustees”. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- B) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
1) Preliminary Schedule for budget hearings; review and discussion

Mr. Nota reviewed potential dates with a revised schedule to accommodate the Zoning Board meeting and an additional School Department budget work session to cover the operating budget. The March 8th Town Capital Budget work session is changed to a Town/School Department Operating Budget work session, the March 27th Town Operating Budget work session is rescheduled to March 28th, and a second Town Capital Budget work session will be scheduled. The *Jamestown Press* will advertise all Town and School Department Budget Sessions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) School Infrastructure Project Application Stage 2 - approval by the Town Council; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Town Administrator Nota acknowledged School Committee members and administrative staff in attendance. The Stage 2 application process requires Council approval in order to consider the project as an option and to move forward with the five-year program.

School Department Director of Buildings and Grounds Peter Anderson addressed the Council and recapped the process to date. Stage 1 and Stage 2 comprise the application process and Stage 3 through Stage 5 include schematic design, design development, and construction documentation. The key factor for Stage 2 is confirmation of local support.

Architect Tracey Donnelly of The Robinson Green Beretta Corporation gave a PowerPoint presentation on the RIDE Stage 2 Submission covering the following:

- Update of the process to date and necessity for the application
 - Current share ratio reimbursement is 35-40% for specific projects including asbestos abatement, energy conservation, and handicapped accessibility
- General Building Condition
 - School buildings certified to be in good condition per C. A. Pretzer structural survey
 - Items identified in the application require replacement as they have exceeded their useful life
- Statewide Facility Assessment – Jacobs Report
 - Total need identified for Jamestown \$16,293,628 over a 5-year period
 - RGB developed a plan proposing \$6,708,772.58; \$5,862,893.67 bond funded and \$846,878.91 capital expenditures for:
 - Roof repair and solar panels - \$3,398,405.36
 - Lawn School 5th Grade Wing, with reconfigured collaborative space
 - Lawn School asbestos abatement - \$383,220
 - Lawn School window replacement - \$420,509.72
- In Summary – Jamestown Schools are in overall very good condition, RIDE Stage 2 Application allows the School Department to obtain State Aid for construction projects, and State Aid and Bond Funds to complete projects over the next five years

Questions and Answers.

Nancy Semco of Gondola Avenue asked for information on the top one or two priorities. Mr. Anderson explained priority one includes the kitchen exhaust system at Melrose and science wing emergency shut-offs at Lawn, totaling \$55,000. There is commitment by RIDE that Jamestown is eligible for a share ratio of 35%-40%. A Bond will be on the November ballot to fund the initiative. Town Administrator Nota further explained the process.

School Committee member Dorothy Strang emphasized roof repairs are on the application as they have reached the end of their useful life. Lengthy discussion ensued of the age and needs of the buildings and whether new buildings would be more cost effective. The program provides an opportunity to look at what is needed with the ability to opt out of the process.

School Committee Vice Chair Sarah Baines noted the whole State is reviewing the Jacobs Report, and routine maintenance after repairs is a requirement of the program. As Jamestown schools were not categorized as in need of replacement, State reimbursement for a new school would not be available.

Mr. Anderson provided information on replacement versus repairs and explained the FCI – Facilities Condition Index. The higher the rating the lower the building condition, and a rating of 65 or above requires replacement. Melrose has a rating in the 20's and Lawn has a rating in the 40's, and Jamestown would be challenged for replacement reimbursement from the State. One of the project goals is to minimize impact on the taxpayers. A \$6.7 million will take care of the required structural upgrades, and the new roof systems proposed will last 40 to 45 years. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Meagher to endorse continuance of this program and the RIDE Stage 2 submission application, with authorization for the Town Council President to sign the application to corroborate this vote. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- B) Award of Bid: Architectural Services contract for Fort Getty improvements to Union Studio for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 as recommended by Parks and Recreation Director Andrew J. Wade; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade explained the RFQ process for Fort Getty improvements. Discussion involved the project scope and time frame for completion of the design phase. Lengthy discussion ensued of input from stakeholders and whether a building committee should be part of the process to determine what the public wants for their facility. Phase 1 includes the Gatehouse and restrooms, with more long-term projects to come.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to award this bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- C) Adoption of 2018-2019 Marine Development Fund Operating Budget; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- D) Adoption of 2018 Harbor Permit Rates; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chief Mello explained the proposed Harbor Operating Budget and 2018 Harbor Permit Rates as approved by the Harbor Commission at the January 10, 2018 meeting. Discussion ensued of surplus funds and how they are allocated (to the Reserve Fund for unanticipated expenses or small capital projects) and projected revenues and how they are derived.

Proposed Harbor Rates are the same as last year. The budget was developed by a Subcommittee of Chief Mello, Harbor Chair David Cain, and Harbor Clerk Kim Devlin.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Dickinson to accept the Marine Development Fund Operating Budget. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to adopt the 2018 Harbor Permit Rates. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- E) Appointment of Town Solicitor Wyatt A. Brochu as Assistant Probate Judge due to a conflict for Probate Judge J. Peter McGuirl; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Solicitor Ruggiero explained the conflict and that he cannot sit on this case either. This is for one Probate estate (Sullivan).

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to approve the appointment of Town Solicitor Wyatt Brochu as Assistant Probate Judge. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Jamestown Conservation Commission Member (one vacancy with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2020)
 - a) Letter of interest for appointment; interview conducted
 - i) Barbara Lundy

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to appoint Barbara Lundy to the Conservation Commission. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Barbara has great skills that will be helpful to the Conservation Commission.

- 2) Jamestown Harbor Commission Member (one vacancy with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2020 and one vacancy with an unexpired three-year term expiring December 31, 2018)
 - a) Letters of interest for appointment; interviews conducted
 - i) Eric Lexow
 - ii) Steven Bois

Both candidates had good qualities and experiences, one a long time resident and one a new community member.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Meagher to appoint Steven Bois for the three-year term. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Vice President White to appoint Eric Lexow to the unexpired term. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- 3) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review 3rd Alternate (one unexpired one-year term expiring December 31, 2018)
 - b) Letters of interest for appointment; interviews conducted
 - iii) Steven Ceceri
 - iv) James King
 - v) Lisa Hough

Discussion ensued of the qualifications and experience of the candidates.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Vice President White to appoint Lisa Hough.

Discussion. Lisa Hough has an extensive educational background and experience.

Back to the vote on the motion. **President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Meagher to approve and accept the Consent Agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) January 16, 2018 (interview session)
 - 2) January 16, 2018 (regular meeting)
- B) Minutes of Town Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (11/28/2017)
- C) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
 - Total Abatements: \$26,361.42 Total Addenda: \$26,361.42

1) Real Property/Motor Vehicle/Tangible Abatements to 2017 Tax Roll

Account/Abatement Amount

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|----|------------|-------------|
| a) | 01-0262-00 | \$ 1,607.30 |
| b) | 03-0681-05 | \$ 3,851.18 |
| c) | 06-0275-42 | \$ 2,160.75 |
| d) | 13-0558-00 | \$ 3,000.77 |
| e) | 19-0762-50 | \$11,105.14 |
| f) | 23-0109-25 | \$ 4,636.28 |

2) Real Property/Motor Vehicle/Tangible Addenda to 2017 Tax Roll

Account/Addenda Amount

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|----|------------|-------------|
| a) | 04-0968-60 | \$ 4,636.28 |
| b) | 07-0850-80 | \$ 3,851.18 |
| c) | 12-0739-99 | \$ 2,160.75 |
| d) | 13-0555-05 | \$ 3,000.77 |
| e) | 16-0210-20 | \$ 1,607.30 |
| f) | 20-0110-50 | \$11,105.14 |

D) Abutter Notification

1) An application for modification has been submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, pursuant to Article 6, Section 609 of the Jamestown Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has decided that the request is consistent with the requirements of 609. You have the right to file a written objection to this determination and, if timely filed, the request for modification shall be denied. If no written objections are received within thirty (30) days of January 18, 2018, the modification shall be granted. Application of George and Lisa Cadwalader, whose property is located at 23 Reservoir Circle, Jamestown, Rhode Island, and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 4, Lot 70 for a Variance, pursuant to Article 6, Sections 82-600 and 82-605, from Article 3 Section 82-302, Table 3-2, District dimensional regulations, for a front yard setback of 31 feet where 40 feet is required to construct an addition. Said property is located in a RR80 Zone and contains 18,028 sq. ft. This application and notice is provided pursuant to Article 6 Section 82-609, Modifications granted by building official.

E) Holiday License Renewal Application

1) **Island Rubbish Service, Inc.** dba: Island Rubbish Service
Address: 8 Swinburne Street

F) Event/Entertainment License Application

1) Applicant: Conanicut Island Art Association
Event: CIAA Opening Receptions for 2018
Dates: February 22; April 5; June 7; September 13; and November 8
Location: Jamestown Town Hall

XII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to receive the Communications. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Communications and Resolutions and Proclamations from other RI cities and towns received consists of the following:

- A) Communications
 - 1) Letter of Quonset Development Corporation with Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A) FY 2017 Audit Report (February 20)
- B) Conanicut Marine Services Waterfront Projects (February 20)
- C) Discover Newport Report (February 20)
- D) Award of Bid: East Ferry Renovation Project parking lot and paving contract (February 20)
- E) Planning Department/Planning Commission/Affordable Housing Committee Reports (March)
- F) RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority Solar Array Project
- G) Review of Legal Services Agreement for the Opioid Epidemic Litigation (February 20)
- H) Interviews/Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies for Town Boards/Commissions/Committees not ne
- I) Final report on the Fire Station Rehabilitation Project
- J) Legislative Delegation Update (March 5)

Mr. Nota stated the Tree Committee will give a report at the February 20th meeting and there will be an Executive Session to wrap up a personnel issue with IBPO.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Meagher to adjourn. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Jamestown Town Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Attest:



Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Finance Director
 Town Solicitor

JAMESTOWN PHILOMENIAN LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by board chair Sanborn. In attendance were Jennifer Cloud, Chris Walsh, Donna Fogarty, Mary Lou Sanborn, and Paul Housberg, and Marianne Kirby. Absent: Board members Carson and Infantolino

B. Executive Session:

A motion was made by board member Kirby, seconded by board member Walsh to move into Executive Session at 5:04. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken during Executive Session. A motion was made by board member Cloud, seconded by board member Walsh to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session at 5:46 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Election of 2018 Board of Trustees: Board member Housberg presented the slate of LBOT Executive Board Officers for 2018. They were: treasurer - Peter Carson: secretary – Marianne Kirby, vice chair – Paul Housberg, chair – Mary Lou Sanborn. Board member Housberg, second by board member Walsh made a motion to accept the 2018 slate of officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Chair's Report:

Board chair Sanborn thanked Housberg for taking minutes at the December 12th . Sanborn not available for second Tuesday of February and March meetings. Meetings moved to February 6th and March 6th.

2018-0219 Proposed CIP and Operational budget meeting with town administration is January 22 for initial review.

Director Fogarty and Chair Sanborn to meet with Champlin before February meeting to see if they may be a source of funding.

E. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by board member Housberg to remove the treasurer's report and December 12th meeting minutes from consent agenda, seconded by board member Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion took place regarding the nature and intent of minutes was held. A motion was passed by Housberg to include minutes on consent agenda, Walsh seconded. Cloud moved to accept the consent agenda and Kirby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Friends of Library Report:

Board member Walsh reported the Friend's year end fundraiser went well. Next fundraiser scheduled for May. Poet, music and film program coming up. January 28 is next event. Reached membership goal. February 7 next meeting chair Sanborn will attend.

G. Unfinished Business:

1. Board of Trustees sub-committees update:

- a. Finance/Budget: No report.
- b. Policy: board member Kirby to continue work on library director evaluation policy. Board member Housberg submitted agenda planning policy for board to read and review next meeting and Board/library Director Relationship had first read.
- c. Facilities: Board chair Sanborn working on RFPs; Mike Gray said he would take them over and get them out. On Sunday, temperature in building was 49 degrees and there was no oil. Director Fogarty spoke to Mike Gray on Sanborn's recommendation. Sanborn suggested looking into sensor on security system that will notify if temperature falls below established degree. Sanborn spoke to Petro to recalibrate the delivery service.

2. Library Renovation:

- a. Library Building Program Report: Motion made by board member Kirby to accept the report as presented. Board member Walsh seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The report will be emailed to OLIS Consultant, Kathryn Taylor, for final review.
- b. Building Committee: Waiting for engineering analysis from Mohammad Farzin. Board member Housberg will ask for clarification from firm. Library Renovation Committee to reconvene upon receipt of engineering analysis.
- c. Fundraising: No report.
- d. Project Outline: Sanborn updated Town Council at its January 2nd meeting on library renovation project status. Board chair Sanborn and Library Director Fogarty will be meeting with Champlin Foundation members in the next several weeks to discuss possible project funding.

3. Board Process Review: Doing well. Retreat. Board member Housberg spoke to Jill Pfitzenmayer, RI Foundation, who indicated that this would not be something she could facilitate January 24th meeting to review and or revise Mission Statement. Board chair Sanborn provided LBOT members with info from Pat Wagner who could facilitate the Strategic Plan process. Based on Ms Wagner's costs,

LBOT members wanted to explore any avenues. Board chair Sanborn will contact ESC and others for further information.

4. Playground Renovation Committee: No report.
5. Jamestown Library Foundation: Annual report will be forthcoming.
6. Evaluation of Library Director: Member Kirby meeting with Director next week.
7. Strategic Plan: Board chair Sanborn provided LBOT members with info from Pat Wagner who could facilitate the Strategic Plan process. Based on Ms Wagner's costs, LBOT members wanted to explore any avenues. Board chair Sanborn will contact ESC and others for further information.
8. JPL Staff Luncheon: Slice of Heaven to provide. Board member Cloud motioned, Board member Walsh seconded for funds not to exceed \$ 300 for lunch. The motion passed unanimously.

H. New Business: none

I. Future Agenda Items:

1. Letter to Town Council regarding LBOT vacancies

J. Public Comment: none

K. Adjournment

A motion was made by board member Kirby, seconded by board member Housberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Kirby
Secretary

MEETING AGENDA
JAMESTOWN PHILOMENIAN LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Work Session
January 24, 2018 Minutes

A. Call to order: roll call of members: Board chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 5:02PM. In attendance: Peter Carson, Jennifer Cloud, Donna Fogarty, Paul Housberg, Christian Infantolino, Marianne Kirby, Mary Lou Sanborn, Chris Walsh

B. Review of current Jamestown Philomenian Library Mission Statement: Board member Kirby distributed the objective and time frame of the work session. Board members participated in verbal and visual exercises to meet the objective of the work session. Board member Kirby and Housberg summarized the work session and identified the objective of the next work session.

C. Adjournment: A motion was made by board member Walsh, seconded by board member Cloud to adjourn the work session at 6:17PM. The motion passed unanimously. The next work session will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanborn



**Town of Jamestown
Tax Assessor**

**93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835**

**Phone: 401-423-9802
Email: cbrochu@jamestownri.net**

To: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TROCKI, JAMESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

From: CHRISTINE BROCHU, JAMESTOWN TAX ASSESSOR

Subject: ABATEMENTS/ADDENDA OF TAXES FOR THE **February 20, 2018** MEETING

REAL PROPERTY/TANGIBLE ABATEMENTS TO 2017 TAX ROLL

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| #11-0577-73 Clifford & Susan West Kurz | Plat 4, Lot 143 transferred on 01-29-2018 to Account # 16-0511-50 | \$8,600 |
| #16-0511-50 Susan T & Duncan Pendledury | Plat 4, Lot 54 transferred on 01-29-2018 to Account # 19-0006-50 | \$17,768.67 |

ADDENDA TO 2017 TAX ROLL

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| #16-0511-50 Duncan & Susan Pendledury | Plat 4, Lot 143 transferred on 01-29-2018 from Account # #11-0577-73 | \$8,600 |
| #19-0006-50 Cary St. Onge & Highland Properties 5017 LLC | Plat 4, Lot 54 transferred on 01-29-2018 from Account # #16-0511-50 | \$17,768.67 |

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL ABATEMENTS | \$ 26,368.67 |
| TOTAL ADDENDA | \$ 26,368.67 |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Christine Brochu

CHRISTINE BROCHU,
TAX ASSESSOR

Town of Jamestown as an abutter.

Town Property: Plat 8, Lot 283

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT THE JAMESTOWN TOWN HALL 93 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE, JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND AT **7:00** P.M. UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Application of Roland and Barbara Parent, whose property is located at 77 Standish Road, and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 414 for a Variance, pursuant to Article 6, Sections 82-600 and 82-605, from Article 3 Section 82-302, Table 3-2, District dimensional regulations, for a West side yard setback of 0.2 feet and a South yard side setback of 2.2 feet where 10 feet is required to repair and reconstruct the existing garage in its existing location. This application also seeks relief from Article 7 section 82-705, Alteration of a nonconforming structure where the current structure has a West side yard setback of 0.2 feet and a South yard side setback of 2.2 feet where 10 feet is required. Said property is located in a R20 Zone and contains 16,266 sq. ft.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW
RICHARD BOREN, CHAIRMAN
CHRIS COSTA, ZONING OFFICER

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-800-745-5555 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 116
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

(401) 783-3370
Fax (401) 783-3767

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

- Tuesday, February 13** **Semimonthly Meeting.** Administration Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.
6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 20** **Policy and Planning Subcommittee Meeting.** CRMC Conference Room, Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI.
8:30 a.m.
- Friday, February 23** **Administrative Fine Hearings.** CRMC Conference Room, Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI.
9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 27** **ROW Subcommittee Meeting.** Administration Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.
5:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 27** **Semimonthly Meeting.** Administration Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.
6:00 p.m.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired for any of the above meetings must notify the Council office at (783-3370) 72-hours in advance of the meeting date.

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Town Clerk's Office
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835
423-7282 ~ fax: 423-7230

December 1, - November 30,

Holiday License

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TOWN OF JAMESTOWN, RI
18 FEB -5 AM 9:03

Please provide the Town Clerk's office with the following:

Retail Sales Tax Permit

Holiday License Fee \$20.00

Name of Applicant (Corporation Name): Deborah L. Gayette

DBA: The Purple Door

Business Address: 47 Conanicus Ave.

Business Phone: 401-439-6346

Hours of Operation: M-SUN 10-4


Owner Address: 12 Weedon Lane Owner Phone: 401-439-6346
Jamestown

Signature of Applicant: Deborah L Gayette

All Tax & Water Assessments must be **PAID TO DATE** prior to any Town Council Action.
Your application will not be acted upon should payment of these be in arrears.

For Office Use Only

Approval: Please Sign & Date

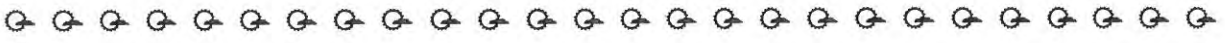
Chief of Police:  2/7/18

Fire Chief:  2-8-18

Zoning Official:  2-6-18

Water & Sewer Clerk:  2/5/18

Tax Collector:  2/5/18



This application has been **GRANTED/DENIED** by the Jamestown Town Council at a meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2017 for the period of **December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018**.

Issued: _____

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Town Clerk's Office
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835
423-7200 ~ fax: 423-7230

March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018

Trash Collector License Application

Please provide the Town Clerk's office with the following:

License Fee \$100.00

Corporate Name: WASTE MANAGEMENT OF RI, INC

DBA:

Business Address: 1610 Pontiac Ave Cranston, RI 02920

Business Phone #:

Hours of Operation: 3:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Mailing Address (if different from above) SAME AS ABOVE

Partnerships & Corporations: Please list names, addresses & dates of birth for all partners and principal officers/stockholders:

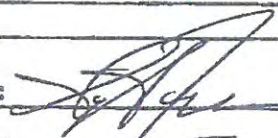
Name

Address

Date of Birth

N/A

Signature of Applicant:



Print Name:

STEPHEN FARDOWS


All Tax & Water Assessments must be paid to date prior to any known Town Council Action.
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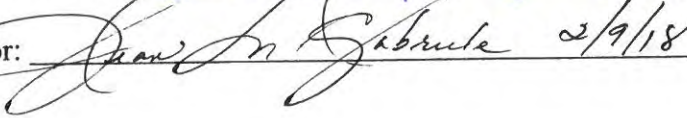
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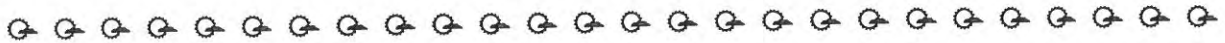
Chief of Police:  2/7/18

Fire Chief:  2.8.18

Zoning Official:  2-9-18

Water & Sewer Clerk:  2/9/18

Tax Collector:  2/9/18



This application has been **GRANTED/DENIED** by the Jamestown Town Council at a meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2017 for the period of **March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019.**

Issued: _____

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

SAVE THE BAY®

SWIM FOR NARRAGANSETT BAY

February 23, 2018

Kristine S. Trocki
President, Jamestown Town Council
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

Dear Ms. Trocki,

Save The Bay would once again like to request the use of Potter Cove/Taylor Point as the landing site for our 42nd Annual Save The Bay Swim requesting to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 (no fog date). **Due to the tides and currents that have been researched, we would like to begin our Swim this year at 6:50 a.m. and end at approximately 11:00 a.m. at Potter Cove and the Turnpike and Bridge Authority Lawn.** We greatly appreciate your help.

The event will begin with a safety briefing at approximately 6:20 a.m. and the Swim will begin 6:50 a.m. from the Newport Naval Base. We anticipate approximately 720 participants (500 swimmers and 220 kayakers, rowers and spotters), 150 volunteers, and approximately 800 spectators. Enclosed please find Save The Bay's "One Day Event/Entertainment Application" and \$5 application fee. We would like to have our merchandise available for sale at the event.

As you know, each year Save The Bay holds its annual Swim starting at the Newport Naval College and ending at Potter Cove in Jamestown. Swimmers collect sponsorships to participate in the 1.7-mile swim. It is a wonderful event that raises money and awareness of the benefits of a clean and healthy Narragansett Bay. Save The Bay's efforts to protect and restore Narragansett Bay would not be possible without our Swim.

The usual waiver for the Town of Jamestown will be signed and submitted by every participant. I have enclosed a copy of the text of the release that has been used in the past, as it will appear on our registration materials, for your review, along with verification that Save The Bay is a non-profit organization. Included is a copy of our general liability. We are of course more than happy to once again sign a hold harmless agreement.

Thank you again for your continued support of Save The Bay, we are most grateful for all of the help of the Town of Jamestown with this event. We would greatly appreciate this request to be heard at the convenience of the Town Council. We would like to post a confirmed date to potential participants as soon as possible. I look forward to receiving confirmation of your approval. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 401-272-3540, ext. 140.

Sincerely,



Leanne Danielsen
Events Manager

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SAVE THE BAY® 

SWIM FOR NARRAGANSETT BAY

WAIVER LANGUAGE

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN RELEASE IN FULL OF ALL CLAIMS

In consideration of my use of the property located in the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island, and more particularly described as Potter Cove/Taylor Point in said town which property is owned by the Town of Jamestown, a municipal corporation, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators, acknowledge that I assume any and all risks associated with or arising from my participation in this event, including but not limited to any and all injuries to my person including death or permanent disability and/or property suffered or sustained by me arising from my participation in this event, and waive and release any and all rights, claims and actions for damages that I have, or may have, against the Town of Jamestown, its successors and assigns and, further, agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Jamestown, its successors and assigns, from any claims, demands or actions for damages of any type or nature resulting from any act or omission on my part arising or relating in any way to my participation in this event. I further attest and certify that I have read and understood the above waiver and assumption of risk, that I am making this waiver and assuming all risks voluntarily and that all information and signatures contained herein are accurate and genuine.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Administration
STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
Division of Statewide Planning
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5870

Office: (401) 222-7901
Fax: (401) 222-2083

PUBLIC NOTICE

State Planning Council Quadrennial Federal Certification Review
Opportunity to participate in Public Meeting and provide Public Comments

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will convene one public meeting. This public meeting will be held to accept comments on Statewide Planning Council's (SPC) implementation of the Federal Transportation Planning Process in accordance with federal statute.

Opportunity for Public Comment on SPC's Implementation of the Federal Transportation Planning Process

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires every Metropolitan area with a population over 50,000 to have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to qualify for receipt of federal highway and transit funds. The SPC is the designated MPO responsible for transportation planning in the State of Rhode Island.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, in accordance with 23 USC 134(k)(5)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303(k)(5)(A)(i)(e) must certify compliance with these regulations by MPOs not less than once every four years.

The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the SPC. This meeting will be your opportunity to talk directly with FHWA and FTA concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the SPC area.

The Statewide Planning Council (SPC)'s Transportation Advisory Committee announces that a public meeting will be held in conjunction with its quadrennial Federal Certification Review on:

Thursday, February 22nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, 2nd Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

All persons may present their views on SPC's transportation planning process in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with FHWA or FTA. Written comments may also be sent by February 28, 2018 to:

Maria Chau or Kurt Salmoiraghi, FHWA
FHWA RI Division
380 Westminster Mall, Rm 547
Providence, RI 02903

Maria.Chau@dot.gov or Kurt.Salmoiraghi@dot.gov

or

Leah Sirmin, FTA
FTA Region 1
55 Broadway, Suite 920
Cambridge, MA 02142

Leah.Sirmin@dot.gov

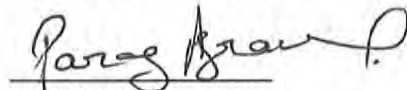
The public hearing location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact Thomas Mannoek, Ph.D at 401-222-6377 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) as soon as possible. Individuals requesting the service of an interpreter should contact Mr. Michael Moan at (401) 222-1236 at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled start of a hearing. Public transit schedule information for the workshops is available from RIPTA at (401) 781-9400 or www.ripta.com.



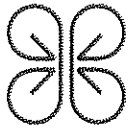
Michael DiBiase
Chair, State Planning Council



Rosemary Powers
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Parag Agrawal
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Dear Council President Trocki,

It has been a pleasure to work with you and your community over the past several years and we look forward to helping you realize your infrastructure investment goals in the coming years. As you know, many municipalities have successfully financed a variety of infrastructure projects at below-market costs by utilizing the Infrastructure Bank's programs.

Accessing our lending programs requires communities to have approved borrowing authority for infrastructure projects. As you are reviewing your capital improvement needs for the next two years, we would like to remind you that this November's general election is an ideal time to seek General Obligation borrowing authority from your voters, should that be required by local law. Such planning will not only enable your community to access our advantageous financing programs next year but the following year as well.

The Infrastructure Bank staff would be happy to discuss your upcoming capital needs with you or your associates and the ways in which we can help accelerate these investments through our low-cost financing programs.

The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank values our historic collaboration, and looks forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

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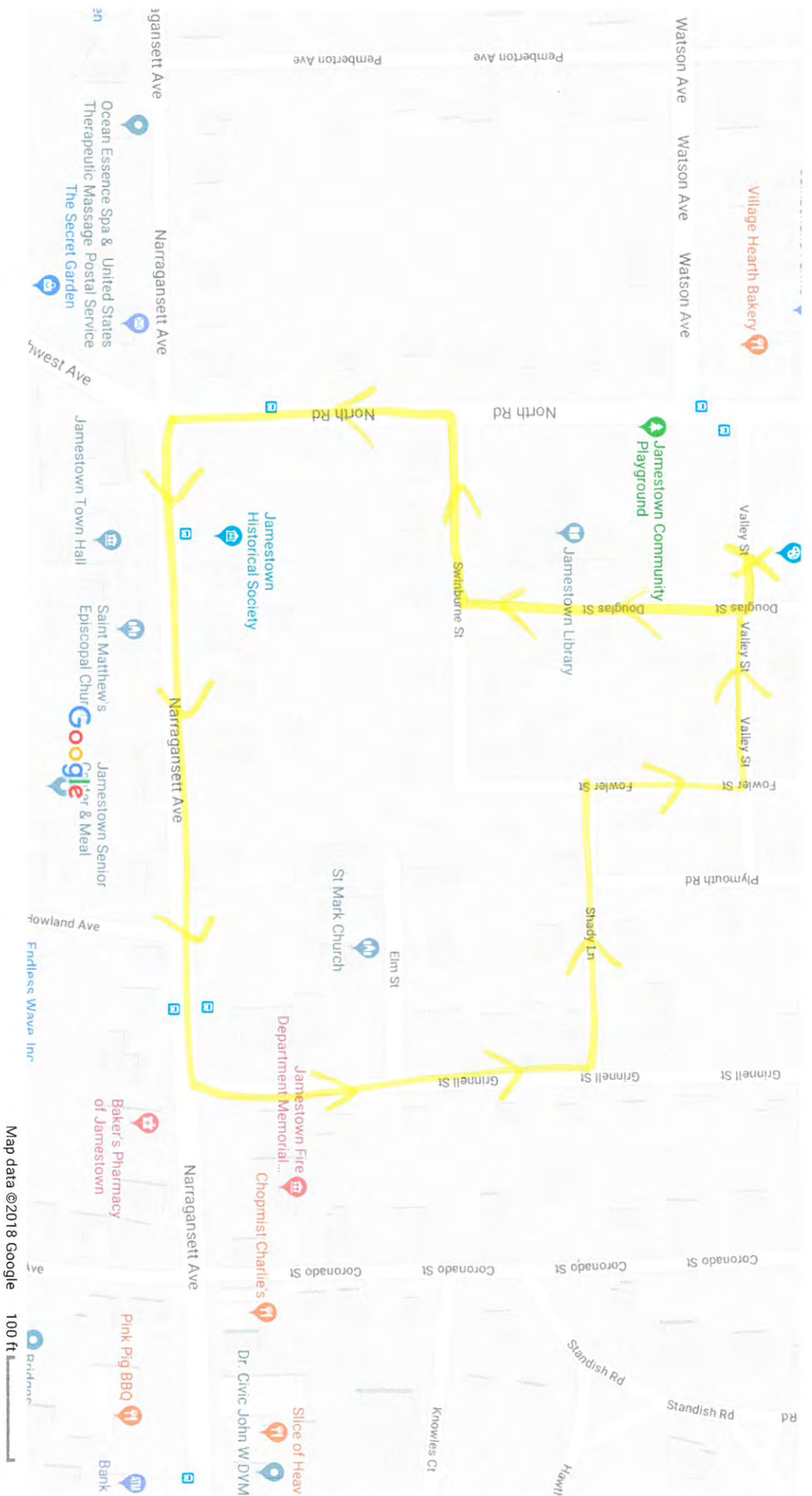
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Friends of Jamestown Right-of-Ways

working to improve shoreline access on the island

February 3, 2018

Jamestown Town Council
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to you as a member of the Friends of Jamestown Rights of Way group in regards to sharing our location recommendations for additional island kayak racks. In June of last year we spoke at the 6/14 Harbor Commission meeting where the Commission agreed that they would take charge of the permitting of any new kayak racks. At the time we proposed 4 additional locations that were favorably received by those present. After discussing this further with all the interested parties including the Rec Dept, Harbor, Chief Mello and Andy Nota it is apparent that we need to approach the town council for final approval before we considering planning and if necessary, fund raising. To that end we have prepared a short presentation of our recommendations that we would like to share with you some time this winter or early spring.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Rhode Island Receives High Marks for Elections Security

PROVIDENCE, RI – Rhode Island is among 10 states receiving the highest grade for elections security in a new report published today by the [Center for American Progress](#). The report, [Elections Security in all 50 States – Defending America’s Elections](#), graded states on a number of indicators including security of voter registration systems, voter-verified paper ballots, and voting machine certification requirements.

Rhode Island received a “B”, the highest grade given to any state. The Center for American Progress touted Rhode Island as “leading the states in election security, receiving ‘good’ scores for the three most important categories due to its statewide use of paper ballots, its adherence to minimum cybersecurity best practices, and its new risk limiting audit law.”

“Since entering office, I have made it a priority to increase access to the ballot-box while ensuring the integrity of every vote. I am proud of the improvements we’ve made in modernizing our elections infrastructure, but also know that cybersecurity is not a destination,” said Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea. “We must always strive to do better for voters because the single act of casting a ballot is fundamental to our democracy and fundamental to making government accountable to the people it serves.”

The report is available online at:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/democracy/reports/2018/02/12/446336/election-security-50-states/>.

A state by state comparison is available online at:

https://cdn.americanprogress.org/content/uploads/2018/02/11130702/020118_ElectionSecurity-report1.pdf#page=31 .

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Our Mission: The Rhode Island Department of State engages and empowers all Rhode Islanders by making government more accessible and transparent, encouraging civic pride, enhancing commerce and ensuring that elections are fair, fast and accurate.

Watershed Grants for Southeast New England

Pre-proposals Due by 5 p.m. EST on March 30, 2018

Full information at www.snepgrants.org

Please forward and distribute widely!

Clean water, healthy watersheds, and vibrant coastal ecosystems are essential to the communities of Southeast New England – a foundation of our region’s prosperity and quality of life. In Rhode Island and Massachusetts, clean water and healthy coastal ecosystems generate billions of dollars in economic value through beach-going, fishing, tourism, and many other uses. Yet despite recent improvements, water pollution and ecosystem degradation threaten our most important natural assets.

To help restore clean water and healthy ecosystems to Southeast New England, Restore America’s Estuaries (RAE), with financial support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is launching the **2018 Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Watershed Grants**. The grants target water pollution, habitat degradation, and other high-priority environmental issues, in order to foster sustainable coastal and watershed communities in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

2018 SNEP Watershed Grants will provide up to \$2.5 million in grants, intended to encourage strategic investments by state, local, tribal, and regional partners. The source of the funding is federal, and grantees are expected to provide an additional 33% of the grant amount in non-federal matching funds. Cash and in-kind contributions may be counted toward match.

2018 SNEP Watershed Grants are intended to support the goals and priorities of EPA’s Southeast New England Program, a regional effort to promote a resilient ecosystem of clean water, healthy diverse habitats, and sustainable communities in southeast New England’s coastal watersheds. Learn more about SNEP at www.epa.gov/snecwrp.

2018 SNEP Watershed Grants will be selected and awarded through a competitive, two-step application process, beginning with a **pre-proposal due by 5 p.m. EST on March 30, 2018**. Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a regional informational meeting or participate in a webinar, to learn more about the **2018 SNEP Watershed Grants** and discuss project ideas.

Informational Meetings & Webinars

Informational Meetings: Informational meetings for prospective applicants will be held at the following locations and dates (all EST):

- **Providence, RI:** Tues., 27 Feb., 1:00 -2:00 p.m. at Save The Bay, 100 Save The Bay Dr., Providence, RI 02905

- **Taunton, MA:** Wed., 28 Feb., 1:00 -2:00 p.m. at Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780
- **East Falmouth, MA:** Thurs., 1 Mar., 1:00 -2:00 p.m. at Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 131 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit (East Falmouth), MA 02536 (Boathouse Building)

Webinars: Informational webinars will be held on the following dates.

- **Tues. 6 Mar., 1:00 p.m. – register at www.snepgrants.org**
- **Thurs., 8 Mar., 1:00 p.m. – register at www.snepgrants.org**

The geographic region eligible for **2018 SNEP Watershed Grants** extends from Westerly, R.I. to Pleasant Bay on Cape Cod, encompassing the major estuaries of Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay, and their watershed lands as far north as Worcester, Mass. It includes the south shore of Cape Cod as well as Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, Block Island and the Elizabeth Islands. Please refer to www.snepgrants.org for an interactive map.

2018 SNEP Watershed Grants target integrated approaches to water quality and ecosystem restoration. SNEP recognizes that clean water, healthy habitats, resilient ecosystems, and prosperous communities are closely interconnected, and that strong partnerships offer the most effective means of meeting Southeast New England’s environmental challenges. Through this 2018 Request for Proposals (RFP), RAE seeks to support and develop innovative and transformative ideas, in order to improve the restoration, preservation, and management of coastal and watershed ecosystems throughout Southeast New England, now and in the future.

Restore America’s Estuaries (RAE) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization leading an alliance of ten coastal conservation organizations across the country. RAE and its member organizations are dedicated to the protection and restoration of bays and estuaries as essential resources for our nation. For more about RAE, visit our website at www.estuaries.org.

For more information about the 2018 SNEP Watershed Grants, contact Thomas Ardito at tardito@estuaries.org or (401) 575-6109.



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DEM ANNOUNCES \$3.75 MILLION IN GREEN ECONOMY BOND INVESTMENTS TO HELP COMMUNITIES, LOCAL GROUPS PROTECT OPEN SPACE

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) announced today the award of more than \$3.75 million in grants to help communities and local organizations protect valuable green space throughout the state. Seventeen projects will receive matching grants to protect 889 acres of open space and farmland across Rhode Island. The funding is made possible by the 2016 Green Economy Bond, which was passed overwhelmingly by Rhode Island voters, and invests \$35 million in preserving open space, improving recreational facilities, and cleaning up lands and waters.

"Rhode Island's unparalleled natural beauty and wealth of green spaces are at the heart of what attracts people and businesses to locate here," said Governor Gina Raimondo. "The grants we are awarding today – and the Green Economy and Clean Water Bond included in my budget – will help us preserve and protect precious open space and farmland. These are smart investments that will benefit Rhode Island's economy, communities, and families for generations to come."

Rhode Island's historic parks, bikeways and green spaces provide opportunity for public enjoyment – in addition to improving the health of the environment, strengthening the state's climate resilience, and supporting the economy. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation in Rhode Island generates \$2.4 billion in consumer spending and supports 24,000 local jobs. Since 1985, over 10,000 acres of land have been protected.

"The open space grants being awarded today will contribute to the conservation of an incredible array of properties that delight families and support wildlife," said DEM Director Janet Coit. "This year, the grant criteria also included a category aimed at planning for impacts of climate change. I am so proud to partner with cities, towns and organizations that work hard to protect the special places in their communities. Rhode Islanders continue to support environmental bonds – like the Green Economy and Clean Water Bond – which provide needed funds that catalyze and make possible the protection of open space, farmland and habitat across our beautiful state."

Grants up to \$400,000 – which may cover up to half of the project cost – were awarded to help preserve lands that offer significant natural, ecological or agricultural value and those that connect or expand existing protected lands. DEM's successful open space grant program has provided funding for the preservation of over 10,000 acres of land across the state since its inception in 1985. DEM has worked with partners in every municipality to complete 172 easement transactions with land trusts and local communities to date,

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furthering the mission of preserving Rhode Island's precious resources and increasing the public's access and enjoyment of our natural lands. Over the years this grant program has resulted in the protection of places used by residents and tourists alike for outdoor recreation – and has also contributed to the economic health of the state. These natural assets play a big role in the state's tourist economy by providing opportunities for the public to camp, fish, hunt, hike, and enjoy the great outdoors, and at the same time bring revenue to the local economy.

The open space grants being awarded today to protect 889 acres of open space and farmland include:

Aquidneck Land Trust – Silvia: \$151,500 to acquire 15.6 acres at the headwaters of Little Creek in Portsmouth, which drains to the Sakonnet River. The parcel is adjacent to the Aquidneck Land Trust's 10-mile Sakonnet Greenway Trail and will provide an opportunity to reroute the trail onto the property and create a trailside park for passive recreation. The property also contains important wetland and early successional habitats.

Audubon Society of RI – Brien: \$150,000 to acquire 75 acres on Saugatucket Road in South Kingstown adjacent to existing protected land owned by ASRI. This parcel will create a 120-acre swath of protected land that will help reduce the ever-present impacts of habitat fragmentation. This parcel is located in the Saugatucket River watershed; protecting this property's significant wetlands will contribute to water quality improvements in the river.

Barrington Land Conservation Trust – Vendituoli Farm: \$50,000 to acquire a 3.2-acre farm. This acquisition will enable the Land Trust to provide educational and agricultural opportunities in Barrington, while protecting a significant wetland system that drains to Volpe Pond and the Providence River. An existing farm stand on the property has been in continuous operation since the late 1800s.

Town of Bristol – Creek Lane: \$168,000 to acquire 2 acres along the banks of Silver Creek, a tidal stream just north of downtown Bristol. Silver Creek empties into Bristol Harbor and has been the subject of a concerted effort by the town to improve habitat and water quality over the past several years. The town has provided public recreational and educational opportunities with the nearby Guiteras Elementary School while conducting marsh restoration, habitat protection, and stormwater management on these parcels. The Creek Lane parcel will provide a crucial connection between existing protected parcels.

Burrillville Land Trust – DeCarpini: \$75,000 to acquire 50 acres in a budding conservation corridor starting at DEM's George Washington Management Area, and eventually to extend to Pascoag. Located with an extremely large unfragmented forest block and home to a variety of important conservation species, including salamanders, migratory birds, bobcats, and threatened bats, this property is a key acquisition for the land trust.

Town of Cumberland – Mercy Woods: \$400,000 to acquire 211.5 acres abutting Water Supply Board land around the Diamond Hill Reservoir. This project will provide significant public recreational opportunities, conserve important habitat, and help protect a drinking water resource. Agricultural fields, hiking trails, and active recreational fields are all key features of this large project that will be an important resource for the town.

Glocester Land Trust – Colwell: \$50,000 to acquire 48 acres of mixed forestland and agricultural fields. This property consists of 35 acres of upland forest, 7 acres of red maple swamp at the back of the parcel and 6

acres of cleared prime agricultural soils at its frontage – providing both scenic resources and important habitat protection. In addition, the parcel contains a tributary to Moswansicut Pond, a public drinking water supply.

Hopkinton Land Trust – Weeden/James: \$400,000 to acquire 124 acres of farmland and woodlands within an important unfragmented forest block of over 900 acres. An existing protected farm abuts this acquisition, adding to the agricultural resources of the area. Early successional habitat, prime agricultural soils, combined with significant wetlands and forested upland make for a critical diversity of important natural resources worthy of protection.

Town of Jamestown – Rafferty: \$153,750 to acquire 5.5 acres abutting existing protected land around Jamestown’s reservoir – a sole source aquifer. This parcel abuts 133 acres of conservation land and will help to protect the town’s drinking water supply. In addition, it is part of an impressive swath of protected land visible from Route 138 and adds to the scenic resources of the state.

Town of North Kingstown – LYF: \$124,500 to acquire a 5.3 acre vegetated peninsula on Gilbert Stuart Road that extends into Carr Pond. This coastal wooded habitat is extremely important to migratory birds and provides drinking water protection. The property is located in an area with significant protected open space and its acquisition fills in the last remaining gap around Carr Pond with a ring of protected land.

Town of North Smithfield – Gold: \$400,000 to acquire 144 acres on Tarkiln Pond. This property represents an interesting diversity of habitats and historic resources: it is the site of an impressive piggery ruin dating to the 1800s – once New England’s largest. Open fields, pond frontage, and upland forest create a diverse array of habitats while a series of well-maintained trails make this property ideal for public recreational opportunities.

South Kingstown Land Trust – Tucker: \$400,000 to acquire 34 acres in the Matunuck Hills. This parcel contains frontage on Tucker Pond and will connect two previously protected parcels owned by the South Kingstown Land Trust. This property, with an impressive understory of rhododendron, will provide excellent habitat protection while allowing for public access.

Tiverton Land Trust – Manchester: \$137,000 grant to acquire 42 acres in the Pocasset Ridge Conservation Area, which consists of 500 acres of unfragmented forest within a mile of the Sakonnet River. The Tiverton Land Trust, the Town of Tiverton, and The Nature Conservancy have worked to conserve this area for several decades with the funding support of the Open Space Grant program. The property consists of a variety of forested habitats in excellent condition and will provide additional public recreational opportunities.

Tiverton Land Trust – F&J: \$96,600 grant to acquire 60 acres in the Pocasset Ridge Conservation Area. A companion grant to the Manchester property – these two properties nearly abut each other and together make up 102 acres of additional conservation land in this important protection area.

Town of Warren – Barker: \$200,000 to acquire 14 acres on Mount Hope Bay. The acquisition of this property offers a unique opportunity to provide public access to the shoreline on the Touisset peninsula. In close proximity to Audubon’s Touisset Marsh, conserving this property will also serve to protect important and threatened coastal habitat and will provide protection against storm surges and coastal flooding.

City of Woonsocket – Holley Springs A&B: Total of \$800,000 over two separate projects to protect 54 acres within the city limits of Woonsocket. These parcels, on the far eastern end of the city, provide a green space link to existing protected land and present an important public recreational opportunity for residents of Woonsocket. In addition, the parcels are home to several critical species including salamanders and wood frogs.

Yesterday, Governor Gina Raimondo joined DEM and other partners at an event in Providence to highlight the proposed 2018 Green Economy and Clean Water Bond. The measure, included in the Governor’s budget proposal, provides funding to improve parks, bikeways and recreational areas, preserve open space, strengthen climate resiliency, and clean up contaminated land for productive use. Visit DEM’s website for a [fact sheet](#) on the bond proposal.

For more information on DEM programs and initiatives, visit www.dem.ri.gov. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandDEM or on Twitter (@RhodeIslandDEM) for timely updates.

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