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In response to the recent public discussion surrounding the operation of the Jamestown Ferry:

The Jamestown Ferry operated its two small ferries during the 2022 season by occupying the Town-owned concrete float located at East Ferry. The Jamestown Ferry also operated the Coastal Queen Cruise Vessel from the east side of this float typically one night per week. This was done so without an agreement with the Town. The smaller ferries had for years previously operated out of the private marina area to the south owned by Conanicut Marine Service (CMS). This area was sold at the end of 2021.

The Town Council offered for the ferry to continue its operation in the same fashion as they did in 2022, without interruption from the Town owned float into the 2023 and 2024 season, through a written agreement.

The agreement was for 2 years at a cost \$12,000 per year. In addition, the Town would invest between \$50,000 and \$200,000 to complete the unfinished portion of the project as originally proposed by CMS /JTN Ferry in 2017. This additional

float would restore the public space and access that previously existed in this area.

The Jamestown Ferry service rejected the offer of a license agreement and instead demanded the exclusive use of this entire area thereby prohibiting public access for 15 years.

On Wednesday evening at 5 PM, the details of this matter will be presented in a public meeting at the Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting as an agenda item.