



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, July 7, 2025
5:30 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED: To view the meeting with no interaction:
[Live Stream](#)

The public is welcome to participate in Town Council meetings in several ways:

- *Citizens are invited to speak on the topic of a Public Hearing which will be listed on the agenda.*
- *Citizens may speak during Open Forum to clarify or comment on an item on the agenda or address items not on the agenda.*
 - *A Citizen may schedule a Request to Address with the Town Council no less than seven day before the meeting in which they would like to appear. Their topic will be listed on the agenda and Town Councilors may respond to their comments.*
 - *Citizens may also simply request to speak in Open Forum at a Council meeting by raising their hands and being recognized by the Town Council President. (See below)*
- *At other times during a Town Council meeting, citizens may speak at the discretion of the Council President or of a majority of Councilors present.*

Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room and state their name and address for the record. Comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. The Town Council hopes that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other, and mindful of everyone's time. For those speaking on an agenda item, please note that this is the time reserved for councilors to discuss these items and your participation in the discussion is at the discretion of the Council.

Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website calendar:
<https://jamestownri.gov/calendar>

I. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: The Jamestown Town Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:

TIME	NAME	COMMITTEE
5:30	Owen Hanley	Ft. Getty Ad Hoc
5:35	Michael Schnack	Ft. Getty Ad Hoc

II. ROLL CALL

III. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. OPEN FORUM

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- A) Scheduled request to address: None at this time.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address.

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Resolution 2025-22, Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing Issuance of Up to \$950,000 in Bonds for Public Works (Highway) Vehicles and Other Equipment
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proclamation 2025-23, August 23, 2025, Sunflower Family Festival Day.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS

The Town Council will review each license application and vote on it individually. All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes, and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

- A) Public Hearings: Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board
 - 1) Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, that the following **RENEWAL** applications have been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, for the year July 7, 2025 to November 30, 2025, duly advertised in the May 29th and June 5th editions of the *Jamestown Press*.; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote to Approve:

CLASS B – VICTUALER

Tallulah's Taqueria, LLC
 dba: JTN Store- Tallulah's Taqueria
 35 Narragansett Avenue, Unit D
 Jamestown, RI 02835

- 2) Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town: Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application (F-25-12) has been received under said Act for a one-day license on July 16, 2025:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Arts Center
18 Valley Street
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the Jamestown Historical Society one-day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 6 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14)

Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board

- B) Public Hearings: Proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 6 - Amusements And Entertainment, Article III. Mechanical or Coin-Operated Devices and Arcades; Division 1: Sec. 6-56, Division 2: Sec 6-71, Sec 6-72, Sec 6-73, Sec. 6-74, Sec. 6-75, Sec. 6-76; Division 3: Sec. 6-91, Sec. 6- 92, Sec. 6-93, Sec. 6-94. Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing.
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 6 - Amusements And Entertainment, Article III. Mechanical or Coin-Operated Devices and Arcades; Division 1: Sec. 6-56, Division 2: Sec 6-71, Sec 6-72, Sec 6-73, Sec. 6-74, Sec. 6-75, Sec. 6-76; Division 3: Sec. 6-91, Sec. 6- 92, Sec. 6-93, Sec. 6-94.

C) Licenses and Permits

- 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of Application that have been received by the Town Council for Arcade License/Multi-License Application for the year July 7, 2025-December 31, 2025, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval and appropriate signatures: License required: No person licensed by virtue of this article shall have or assemble more than three electronic video games and two mechanical amusement devices in any one place of business or premises, unless such person has obtained an arcade license; ~~No person licensed to operate an arcade shall maintain more than ten (10) mechanical amusement devices and/or electronic video games; for the following~~ Shall be determined upon review of the proposed floor plan to include type, size and location of each machine by the fire marshal in accordance with all state and local capacity, occupancy and fire regulations. In no case shall the total number of machines exceed thirty (30).

- a) Applicant: Conanicut Marine Services
 Location: 20 Narragansett Avenue
 Days of Week/Hours of Operation: Sunday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Occupancy Capacity: 49 people (maximum)
 Number of devices: 22 total (10 approved on June 16, 2025, and 12 additional per this application.)

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

Please Note the Following Items are Status Reports and Matters of Interest to the Council and are for Informational Purposes unless Indicated Otherwise:

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello
- 1) Senior Center Project
 - 2) Town Hall Project
 - 3) Town Welcome Signs (consent agenda)
 - 4) Sustainability Coordinator
 - 5) Paving Update
 - 6) Short-Term Rental registration update
 - 7) Streetlights maintenance update
 - 8) Electricity Purchase (consent agenda)
 - 9) Town website

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Town Administrator Mello, discussion of the proposed master vision plan for ferry terminal improvements, Phase I, Ferry Fender Piling Project

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No items at this time.

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

No items at this time.

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 the approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council for review, discussion, and/or potential action and or vote.

A) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees

- 1) Affordable Housing, May 21, 2025
- 2) Board of Canvassers, April 16, 2025
- 3) Board of Canvassers, April 30, 2025
- 4) Board of Canvassers, May 8, 2025
- 5) Board of Canvassers, June 2, 2025
- 6) Harbor Commission, May 14, 2025
- 7) Housing Authority, April 9, 2025
- 8) Housing Authority, May 9, 2025
- 9) Housing Authority, May 14, 2025

B) Town Council consent for the replacement of the (2) two Town welcome signs, as presented by ArtSignWorks, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.**C) Town Council consent to fully execute a purchasing agreement for electricity for the period of December 2025 through December 2029 at a rate of \$0.1149/ kWh, through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.****D) All One-Day Event/ Entertainment license application approvals are subject to any COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event:**

- 1) Applicant: St. Matthew Church (ENT-25-38)
Event: St. Matthew's Summer Fair
Date: July 19, 2025
Location: 87 Narragansett Avenue
- 2) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC) (ENT-25-40)
Event: The Lost Bird Project
Date: July 16, 2025
Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street.
- 3) Applicant: Out of the Box Gallery (OOBG) (ENT-25-41)
Event: Swamp Tiki
Date: July 24, 2025
Location: OOBG, 11 Clinton Avenue.

- E) Ratification of the Administratively approved Short-Term Rental application(s) for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, duly advertised in the editions(s) of the Jamestown Press; upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval(s) and appropriate signature(s):

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| 1) | STR-129 | Annlee Landman | 10 Boston Avenue |
| 2) | STR-174 | Anna Whitson | 20 Hull Street |

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

The Council may acknowledge any of the listed Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions. Should any member wish to have a conversation on any of the matters, the item will be placed on a future agenda for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote.

A) Communications Received:

- 1) Copy of letters to: Town Council
From: Lawn Avenue Fifth Graders
Cade Trifero, Isabella Paradis, Gianna DiMaggio, Wyatt Rathbun, Kyla Barron, Ella Smith, Elle Emory
- 2) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: Christopher Olobi
Date: June 13, 2025
RE: Head's Beach Dog Rule Infractions
- 3) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: Mary Lou Sanborn
Date: June 15, 2025
RE: June 16, 2025 Town Council Meeting Agenda
- 4) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: Ramona Bessinger
Date: June 16-30, 2025
RE: Various topics
- 5) Copy of email to: Town Council
From: Peter Cosel
Date: June 24, 2025
RE: 16 Pennsylvania Avenue, Lot 804

B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns

- 1) Burrillville Town Council, Resolution 25-25, In Opposition to Senate Bill 2025- S 0909 and House Bill 2025- H 6273 Relating to Access to the Public Records Act (APRA).
- 2) Resolution of the Town of Smithfield, Opposing House Bill 5436 and Senate Bill 359.

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- A) Continued (If necessary)

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to enter into Executive Session and/or Open Session for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote on the following:

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) the acquisition and/or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. (Potential lease of publicly held property AP 9-152).
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (NAGE 69).
- C) The Town Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) Personnel (job performance, character, or physical or mental health of Town Administrator Edward Mello; Performance Review; provided that such person affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that he may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting). Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement, and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning Town Administrator Performance Review; with terms and conditions of employment to be discussed and voted upon by the Town Council at the meeting.
- D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) the acquisition and/or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. (Potential lease of publicly held property Plat 9 Lot 355 & 356; and Plat 8 Lot 530).

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. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: 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 rfagan@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting. *Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on July 3, 2025.*



Town of Jamestown

Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2025-22

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$950,000 IN BONDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HIGHWAY) VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Pursuant to Resolution # 6 adopted at the Financial Town Meeting of June 2, 2025 and Chapter 45-12 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Finance Director and the President of the Town Council are authorized to borrow and issue bonds in the name of the Town up to the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) to finance highway department vehicles, equipment and/or a sign machine (the “Project”) and costs of issuance.

Section 2. The bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Finance Director and the President of the Town Council. The manner of sale, denominations, maturities, interest rates and other terms, conditions and details of any bonds issued hereunder may be fixed by the aforesaid officers authorized to sign the bonds. Any bonds issued under this Resolution and any other authorized issue of bonds of the town may be consolidated and issued at the same time as a single bond issue.

Section 3. The designation of a securities depository and paying agent, if any, not fixed by provisions of law, may be fixed by the Finance Director.

Section 4. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such additional agreements as are necessary to effect the issuance of bonds hereunder, the due authorization thereof being conclusively demonstrated by his or her execution and delivery of such agreements. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to deliver such bonds to the purchasers thereof and said officer is authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the Town, necessary to ensure that the interest on the bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the bonds to be subject to federal income taxes. The Finance Director is authorized to deem the bonds, and to the extent not deemed to be, to designate the bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to take such action as to comply with Rule 15 c 2 – 12 (b) (5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission and is authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

Section 5. Pending the issuance of bonds under Section 1 hereof, the Finance Director may expend funds from the general treasury of the Town for the purposes specified in Section 1 under contracts awarded by the Town Council. Any advances made under this Section 5 shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of bonds issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

Section 6. The Town hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures authorized in Section 5 with proceeds of debt to be issued by the Town. This Resolution is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.103-18.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

Nancy A. Beye, President

Mary E. Meagher,

Erik G. Brine, Vice President

Mary G. Glackin

E. Edward Ross

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal
of the Town of Jamestown this 7TH day of July, 2025.

Roberta J. Fagan, CMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN



PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

No. 2025-23

“August 23, 2025 Sunflower Family Festival Day”

WHEREAS: the Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project is celebrating its 4th annual Sunflower Family Festival honoring the people and culture of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS: The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS: The Sunflower Family Festival will take place at Lawn School Field, Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 11-2 pm; and

WHEREAS: the Sunflower Family Festival is a volunteer and collaborative event of the Jamestown Community and surrounding towns, and is funded through donations and in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS: the Sunflower Family Festival has free admission and will showcase the music of Ukraine as well as local performers, in addition to activities for children, sunflower crafts, games, face painting, traditional Ukrainian food and traditions, and more; and

WHEREAS: the community of Jamestown and area communities seek to demonstrate their support and admiration for the people of Ukraine in their ongoing and painful struggle for freedom; and

WHEREAS: the Sunflower Family Festival warmly welcomes and salutes Rhode Island’s new Ukrainian immigrants and the decades-long contributions of our Ukrainian-American neighbors to the vitality, cultural heritage, and civic life of our State; and

WHEREAS: this event will provide fun and interesting information about Ukraine for the whole family;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED, the Town Council for the Town of Jamestown, does hereby declare Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 as:

SUNFLOWER FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY

And encourage all community members, along with our neighbors throughout the region and state of Rhode Island, to enjoy the displays and family fun activities and to support the people of Ukraine.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council,

Nancy A. Beye, President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the
Official seal of the Town of Jamestown this 7th day of July 2025.

Roberta J. Fagan, CMC, Town Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public hearing on July 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 6 - Amusements And Entertainment, Article III. Mechanical or Coin-Operated Devices and Arcades; Division 1: Sec. 6-56, Division 2: Sec 6-71, Sec 6-72, Sec 6-73, Sec. 6-74, Sec. 6-75, Sec. 6-76; Division 3: Sec. 6-91, Sec. 6- 92, Sec. 6-93, Sec. 6-94. Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing. The proposed amendment is available for review and/or purchase at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

Section 1. The Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Amusements And Entertainment, Article III. Mechanical or Coin-Operated Devices and Arcades as the same may have been heretofore amended, is hereby amended by changing the text of the Chapter, as follows:

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

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

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter 70 of the Town of Jamestown's Code of Ordinances.

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

Ad Date(s): June 19, 2025

Publication Source: Jamestown Press

Hearing Date: July 7, 2025

Action: _____

Certified: _____

EXHIBIT A

Article III. Mechanical, Electronic Or Coin-Operated Devices And Arcades

Division 1. Generally

Sec. 6-56. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Electronic video games means any machine, which, ~~upon the insertion of a coin, token, plate, slug or disc,~~ may be operated by the public generally for use for a fee, as a game, entertainment or amusement, whether or not registering a score. The term "electronic video games" includes any device which is constructed or operates by the methods or principles of electronics, or which utilizes the transactions similar thereto under whatever name they may be described.

Jukebox means any music vending machine, contrivance or device which for a fee, ~~upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate, disc or key into any slot, crevice or other opening, or by the payment of any price,~~ operates or may be operated for the emission of songs, music or similar amusement.

Mechanical amusement device means any machine which for a fee, ~~upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate or disc,~~ may be operated by the public generally for use as a game, entertainment or amusement, whether or not registering a score. It shall include such devices as marble machines, pinball machines, skill ball, mechanical grab machines, mechanical pool tables and all games, operations or transactions similar thereto, under whatever name they may be described.

Division 2. License

Sec. 6-71. Required.

Sec. 6-72. Application; information required.

The application for the license shall contain the following information:

(4) Description of machine (s) to be covered by the license, including mechanical features and serial number.

Sec. 6-73. Submission of application; investigation and inspection; denial of license for gambling device; display of license.

(a) Application for a license shall be submitted annually to the Town Clerk, ~~made out in triplicate, one copy being referred to the chief of police, the second copy to the building official's office, and the third copy to the fire marshal.~~

Sec. 6-74. Fees.

Every applicant, before being granted a license, shall pay an annual license fee for the privilege of operating or maintaining for operation each jukebox, mechanical amusement device or electronic video game. The annual fees shall be as provided in appendix C. On ~~December 31~~ November 30 next following the date of issuance, each annual license shall expire.

Sec. 6-75. Arcade.

(c) *Number of devices limited.* ~~No person licensed to operate an arcade shall maintain more than ten mechanical amusement devices and/or electronic video games. Shall be determined upon review of the proposed floor plan to include type, size and location of each machine by the fire marshal in accordance with all state and local capacity, occupancy and fire regulations. In no case shall the total number of machines exceed thirty (30).~~

(d) *Hours of operation.* Arcades shall not be operated between the hours of 10:00 PM and 10:00 AM the following morning

Sec. 6-76. Revocation.

Every license issued by the town is subject to revocation should the licensee, directly or indirectly, permit the operation of any arcade jukebox, mechanical amusement device, or electronic or video game contrary to the provisions of this article or any ordinance or amendment thereto or the laws of the state. Such license may be revoked by the town council after written notice to the licensee, which shall specify the violations with which the licensee is charged. The licensee may ask for a hearing on such charge, to be held not later than ten days after notice has been received by the licensee. At such hearing, the licensee and/or his attorney may present and submit evidence and witnesses in his defense.

DIVISION 3. REGULATIONS

~~Sec. 6-92. Minors under 14; forfeiture of license.~~

~~No person licensed by virtue of this article shall permit any jukebox, mechanical amusement device or electronic and video game, the use of which has been permitted under the license granted to him, to be used by any minor under the age of 14 years, unless accompanied by a parent. If such use is permitted, the person holding such license shall forfeit the license as provided in section 6-76.~~

Sec.6-92. Supervision Required.

An arcade, whenever operated or used, shall be supervised by a responsible person eighteen (18) years of age or older. Such person shall enforce this chapter and ensure that the premises are used and operated in an orderly manner.

Sec.6-93. Capacity, occupancy and fire regulations.

No arcade shall be maintained, operated or conducted unless the arcade is in compliance with all state and local capacity, occupancy and fire regulations.

Sec. 6-94. Sight and Sound Mitigation

No arcade shall be operated or situated in a manner as to allow for the sound from machines to exceed sixty (60) dB from outside of the closed building and no machines shall be so situated as to be visible from outside the building or in an open-air manner.

Town Administrator

93 Narragansett Avenue

Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835-1199

401-423-9805

Edward A. Mello
Town Administrator**MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Town Council****FROM: Town Administrator, Edward A. Mello****DATE: July 1, 2025****SUBJECT: Report for Town Council Meeting July 7, 2025**

Senior Center Project-Staff is preparing to begin the renovation project with a start of September 1. At that time, Molly will relocate all current services to the second floor of the golf course. She will also plan to utilize other Town space such as the rec center and library to avoid disruption to any services. She will schedule Town provided transportation for the lunch program as a pilot program during this period of time.

We are working to relocate other users of the building. This includes the VFW who we plan to grant a secure storage area in Town Hall.

Town Hall Project- The replacement of nine (9) windows in the Town Council Chambers is complete. We are now moving onto exterior work including repairs, power washing and painting.

Town Welcome Signs-The Town has two “welcome” signs. One located on RT 138 East as you enter Jamestown and the other located at the intersection of East Shore Road and Conanicus Avenue. We have received a quote to replace both signs in the amount \$4,900. Proofs of the signs are attached. I am seeking consent of the Town Council to replace both signs. (consent agenda)

Sustainability Coordinator- We offered the position of Sustainability Coordinator to Carissa Mills who will be working as a contract employee for a six-month period. She is expected to start mid-July. This position is project based.

Paving Update- DPW has been working over the past three weeks along with the paving contractor. Town roads north of RT 138 have been regraded and the base binder coat of asphalt has been applied. We will continue to work around the schedule of the contractor and likely move to the roads south of RT 138 in the coming weeks.

Short-Term Rental- The renewal and new application portal for the 2026 STR registration period is now open through Open Gov. Currently both building and fire code inspections are required every two-years. As the result of recent communications from the State Building Official and a number of pending litigation matters throughout the State, I am recommending

that we suspend the building code inspection portion. Each renewal or new application would be subject to only fire code inspection. As we move through this process, we will work to propose a revised ordinance to reflect changes.

Streetlights- We are moving into our fourth year of a maintenance agreement for all LED streetlight fixtures with RISE. We have just completed the transition of 88 streetlights including monthly fees and maintenance to RIDOT. This leaves 300 street lights on Town owned roads.

Electricity Purchase- Seeking consent from the Town Council to fully execute a purchasing agreement for electricity for the period of December 2025 through December 2029 at a rate of \$0.1149/ kWh. Our current purchase rate is \$0.1264/ kWh. Energy is purchased through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the RI League of Cities and Towns. We use approximately 1,216,739 kWh annually in all Town owned facilities. (consent)

Website-As previously reported, we have been working toward transitioning to a new website platform. This was completed on July 1. We will continue to work to improve the user experience. In the coming weeks, we will transition to a new platform for livestreaming and recording meetings using newly installed video and audio equipment. (demo)



VISION FOR FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL

Attached is a master vision plan for proposed ferry terminal improvements broken down into Phases for further discussion.

At this time, July 2025, we are proposing to move forward with only Phase I, the Ferry Fender Piling Project. All other Phases have been included for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT PHASES

PHASE I	FERRY FENDER PILING PROJECT
PHASE II	10' X 70' TIMBER FLOATING DOCK PROJECT
PHASE III	RELOCATE ELECTRICAL, WATER AND PUMP OUT PEDESTAL TO FERRY TERMINAL AREA, ONSITE MOVEABLE TICKET SALES OFFICE

CONANICUT MARINE SERVICES, INC.,

JAMESTOWN NEWPORT FERRY

**PROPOSAL FOR FERRY
TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS**

FERRY TERMINAL

1 E. FERRY WHARF

JAMESTOWN, RI 02835



The Jamestown Ferry Landing site is very deeply historic. It is here, many years before 1873, when the first steam ferries began regular service between Jamestown and Newport. Still today, this very same site offers a seasonal ferry service and a greeting to those arriving from the east coming from Aquidneck Island while providing Jamestown's and our neighbors to the west an easy access to all that Newport Harbor has to offer.

We welcome the Town's interests in participating in a master plan to transform the existing failed rubble and stone pier and adjacent terminal area into a rich community asset, enhancing the quality of life for Jamestown's and visitors alike.

PROPOSED PROJECTS AT FERRY LANDING IN JAMESTOWN, RI

PHASE I - FERRY FENDER PILING PROJECT - To add a measure of safety to the Ferry slip approach we are proposing to relocate one crowding pile and install five new CCA fender piles along the north face of stone wharf located adjacent to the ferry slip. The piles would be installed in conjunction with the Town's proposed stone wharf rehab project, at the same height as the adjacent wood pile pier piles so as not to obstruct the view from the stone pier. The Ferry Fender Piling Project would utilize DOT funding and would be completed as funding is available.

PHASE II - 10' X 70' TIMBER FLOATING DOCK PROJECT -

The 10' x 70' timber floating dock is some 60' shorter than the previous CRMC permit from May 2, 2017. The dock would be used by Jamestown Newport Ferry vessels to provide the public ridership on the bay and also provide additional ADA accessible access to the JNF vessels. The Timber floating dock Project would utilize DOT funding and would be completed as funding is available.

PHASE III - RELOCATE PUMP OUT PEDESTAL & INSTALL ADDITIONAL SHUT OFF

VALVE - Relocate the pump out pedestal from the timber pier boarding apron down onto the ADA concrete ferry dock adjacent to the ferry slip as per plan. In addition we propose to add a shut off valve to the west of the pump out which could be turned off if there were a problem with the current public pumpout located further down the wood pile pier. The Pump Out Relocation Project would utilize DOT funding and would be completed as funding is available.

PHASE III - PROVIDE DEDICATED ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO FERRY TERMINAL -

Install power pedestals on the ADA concrete ferry dock. Install two (2) 50/50 power pedestals at locations per plan. Coordinate the feed wiring from the breaker panel in pump house through new conduits in stone wharf during Town reconstruction. Install one (1) pile mount power pedestal on boarding apron as located on plan. Feed wiring from breaker panel through new conduits in stone wharf during Town reconstruction. Note: This would be subject to the electrical engineering plan. The Electrical Service Upgrade Project would utilize DOT funding and would be completed as funding is available.

PHASE III - INSTALL DEDICATED WATER SERVICE TO FERRY TERMINAL AREA.

Install a feed line from adjacent water pit to two pedestals on the concrete ADA ferry dock via conduit in stone wharf during Town reconstruction. The Dedicated Water Service Project would utilize DOT funding and would be completed as funding is available.

PHASE III - ONSITE MOVEABLE TICKET SALES OFFICE

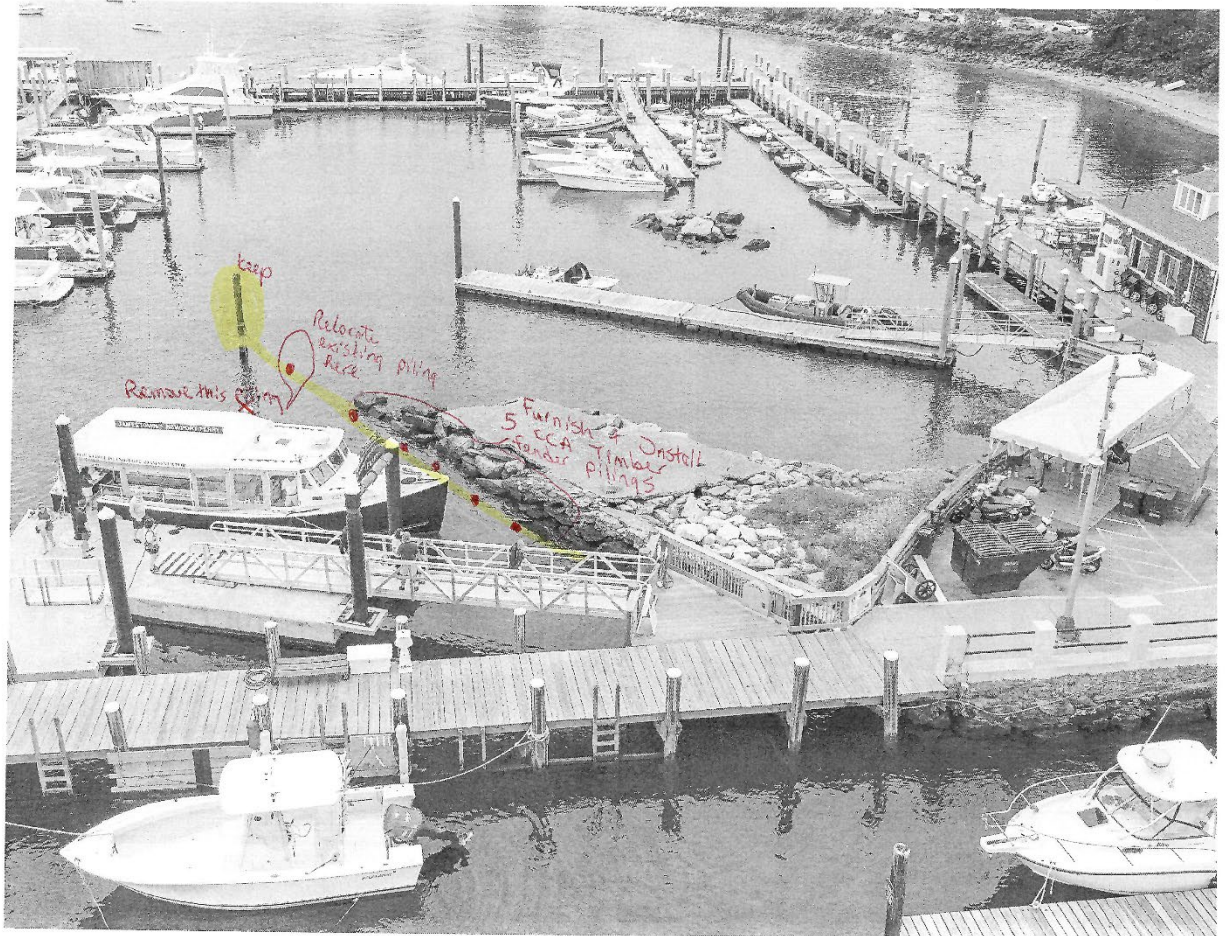
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As a RI Public Utility License Holder, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc./Jamestown Newport Ferry, completes a lengthy bi-annual ferry operations survey, U.S. DOT National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO), and upon completion is eligible for DOT ferry grant monies. Funding is quite limited and any project decided on requires extensive matching funds from the applicant. At this time, limited DOT funding is available of approximately \$10,000.00 per year. As additional funding from the DOT BIG Ferry Grant or other resources would become available we could look into completing additional projects on the vision. These grant monies can be spent on any of the 5 public landing sites that the JNF currently services although the Jamestown landing site needs the most attention.

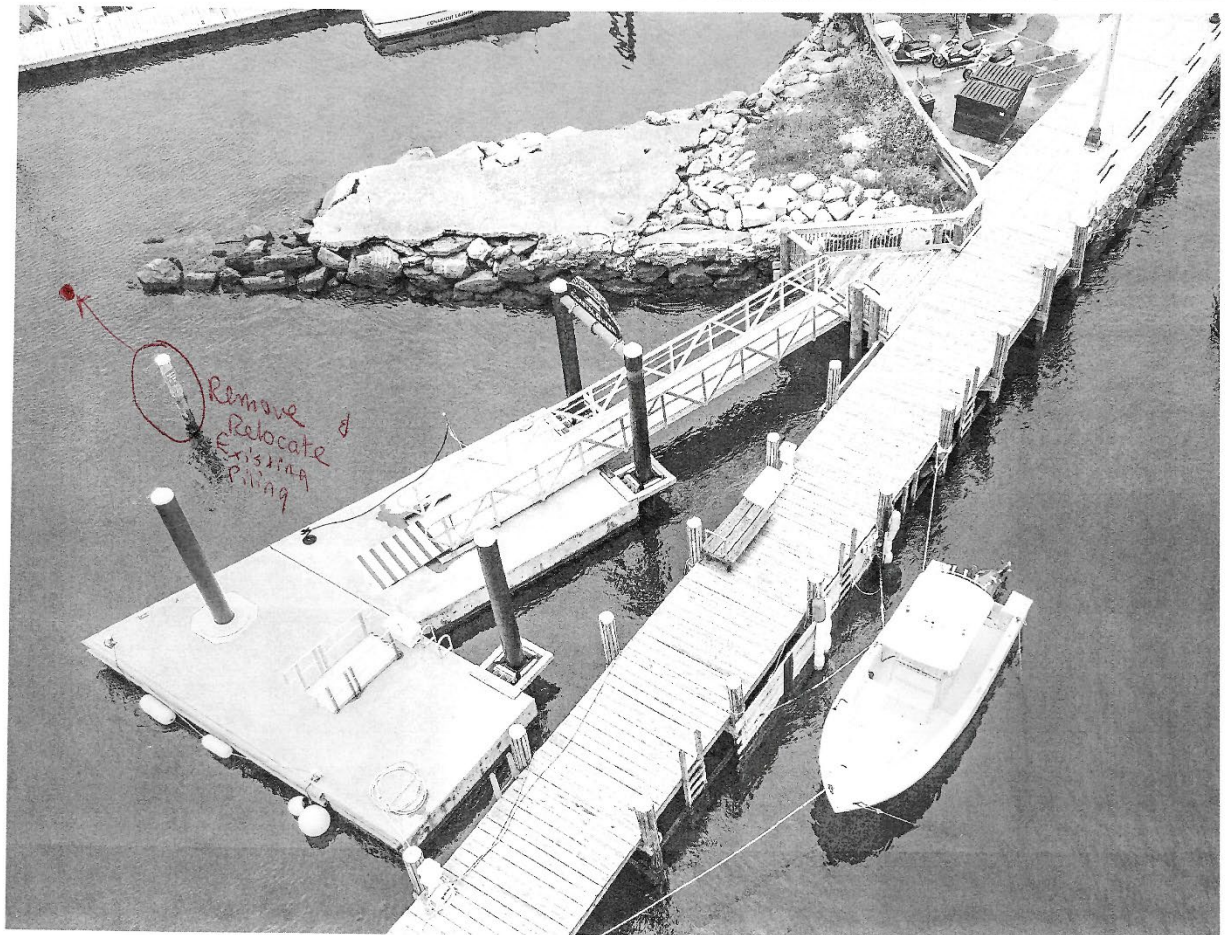
While it is understood that due to funding limitations not all projects can be completed at once we have therefore attached a draft proposal of a master vision for the Jamestown Ferry area.

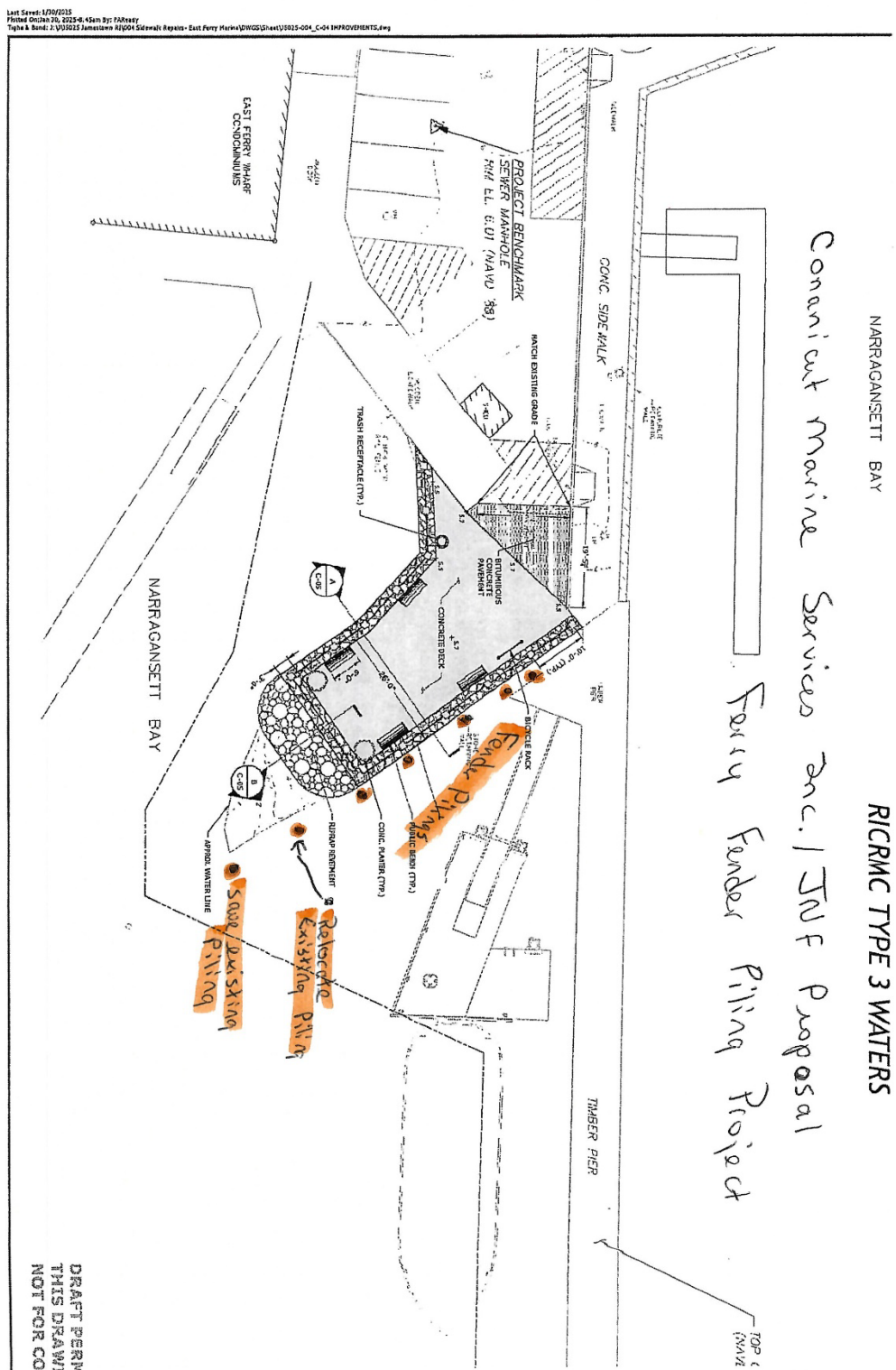
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PHASE I - TIMBER FENDER PILING PROJECT



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PHASE I - TIMBER FENDER PILING PROJECT QUOTATION



 221 THIRD STREET, SUITE 201 · NEWPORT RI 02840 · PHONE (401) 324-5112 · FAX (401) 324-7312

February 13th, 2025

Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.
 20 Narragansett Avenue
 Jamestown, RI
 02835

RE: Conanicut Timber Pile Installation Budget

Ms. Wood,

Reagan Marine Construction LLC is pleased to provide the following budgetary pricing for the scope for work discussed on 02/11/2025. Please see below for details:

Base Budget – F/I (5) New 30' Timber Piles, R/R (1) Existing Timber Pile (1 Lump Sum) \$25,500.00

Includes:

- Mobilize crane barge, crew and materials to site
- Remove & Reinstall (1) existing timber pile via vibratory hammer
- Furnish & Install (5) New 30' SYP Class B timber piles via vibratory hammer
 - Owner to provide layout
- Cut piles to grade & install white PVC pile caps
- Demobilize from Site

Add-Alt – Install 6"x12" Timber Wale (1 Lump Sum) \$9,000.00

Includes:

- Furnish & install new 6"x12" 2.5 CCA SYP wale
 - Includes new A307 Galvanized bolts

General Notes:

- Permitting, Design, Engineering is excluded from this budget
- Owner to clear fairways and provide barge access
- Obstructions/Drilling for pile installation is excluded
- Work anticipated Fall of 2025
- Design/Engineering

Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything further at this time. We thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a quote for this work.

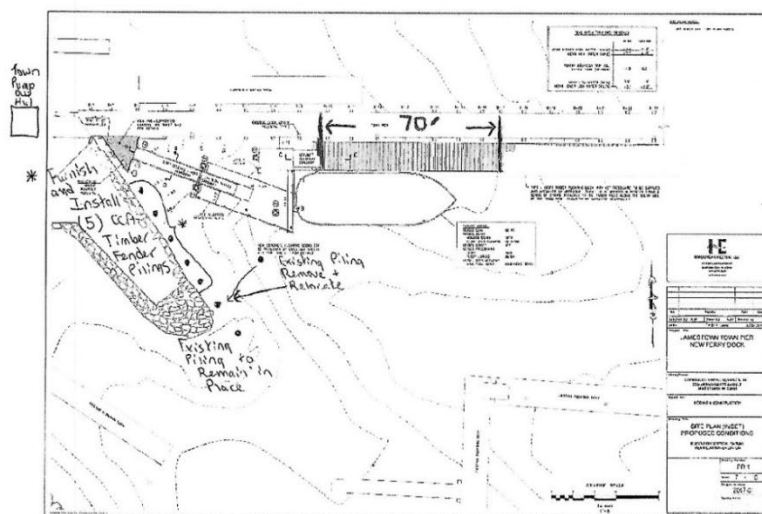
Sincerely,

Ryder Calzaretta

PHASE II - 10' X 70' TIMBER FLOATING DOCK PROJECT

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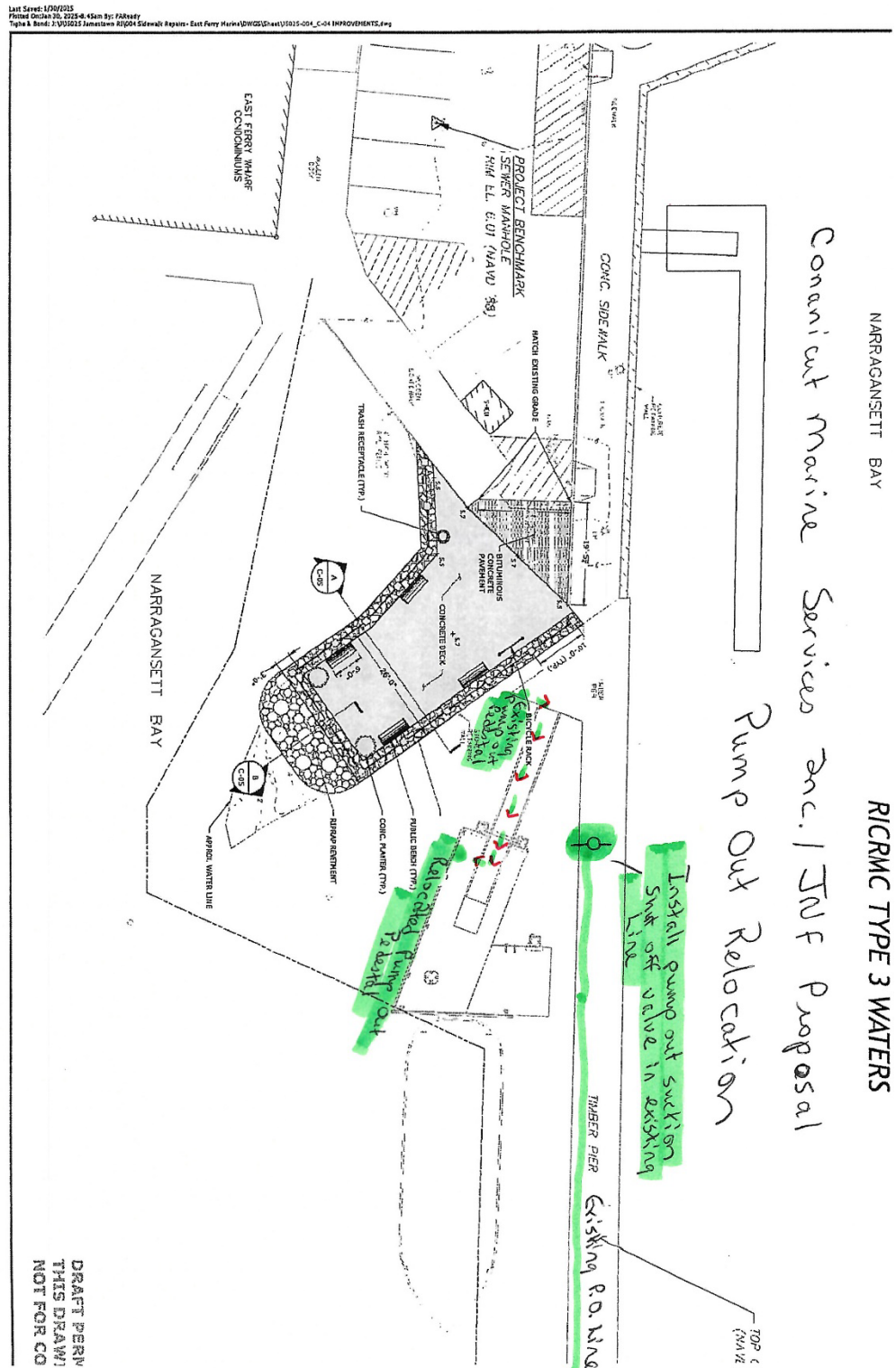
NOTE: THE REVISED SIZE OF THE TIMBER FLOATING DOCK IS 70' IN LENGTH



NOTE: 10' X 70' TIMBER FLOATING DOCK PRICING ESTIMATE NOT AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME

**PHASE III - RELOCATE PUMP OUT PEDESTAL FROM TRIANGLE
BESIDE THE WOOD PILE PIER TO CONCRETE ADA FERRY DOCK
& INSTALL AN ADDITIONAL SHUT OFF VALVE ON THE EXISTING
LINE ON THE WOOD PILE PIER**

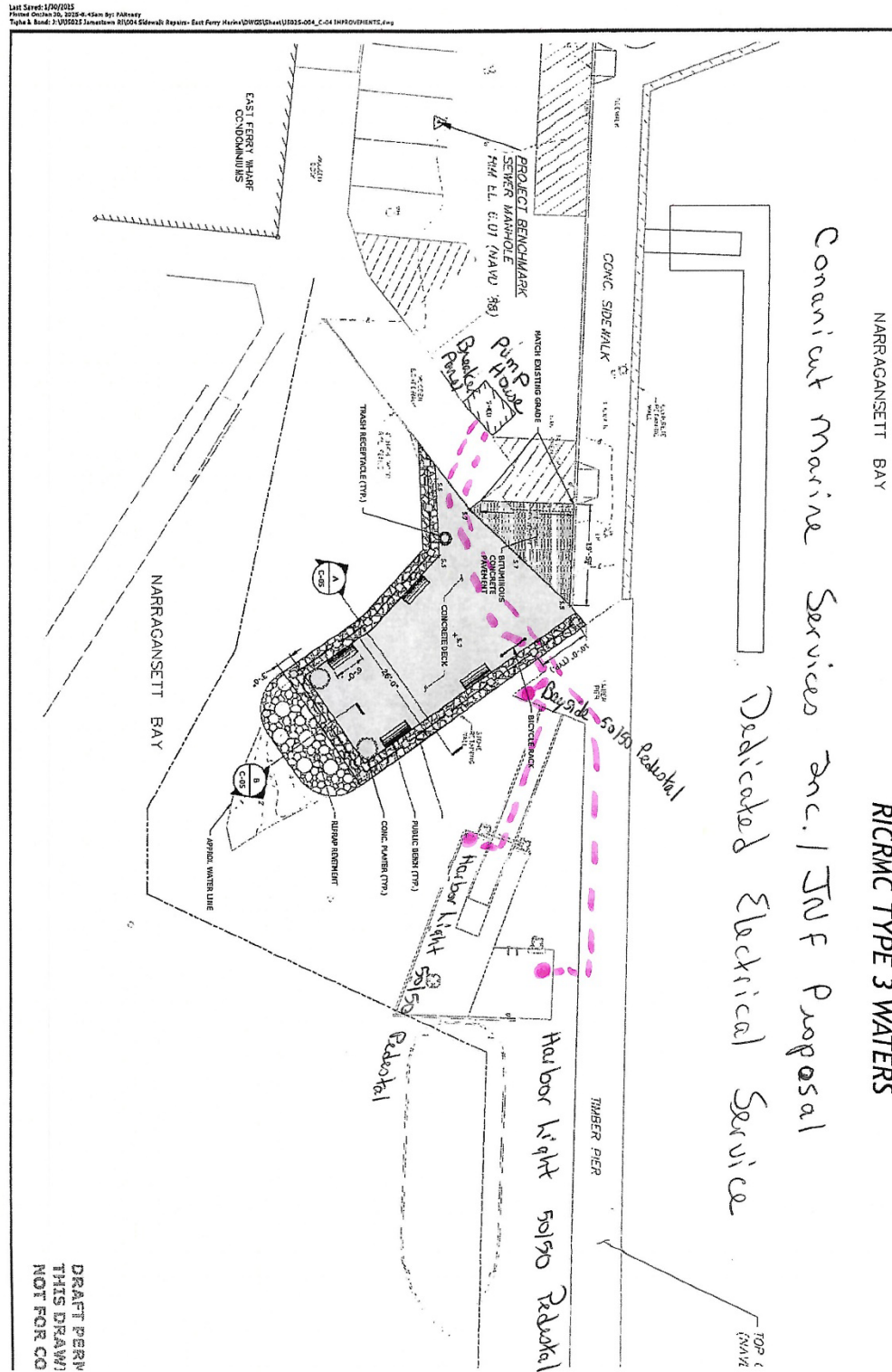
PHASE III - RELOCATE PUMP OUT PEDESTAL & INSTALL ADDITIONAL SHUT OFF VALVE PROJECT



To be done in conjunction with Town of Jamestown – We estimate \$5,000.00

**PHASE III - INSTALL METERED ELECTRICAL SERVICE FROM
PUMPOUT SHED TO PEDESTAL ON WOOD PILE PIER TRIANGLE
AREA USING ONE PILING MOUNTED BAYSIDE 50/50 AMP
PEDESTAL & INSTALL (2) HARBOR LIGHT 50/50 AMP
PEDESTALS ON THE CONCRETE ADA FERRY DOCK**

PHASE III – METERED ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO CONCRETE ADA FERRY DOCK



PHASE III - ESIMTATE FOR POWER PEDESTALS

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Ship To
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Date	5/30/2025
Estimate #	MEE7346
Terms	Prepaid
Project	
Contact	B. Munger
Telephone Number	401-862-2000
Email Address	bm@cruiseri.com
Rep	BA

Purchase Order # _____

Authorized Signature _____

Part Number	Description	Qty	U/M	Rate	Total
Bayside BU3050	BAYSIDE Est. Lead Time: 40 Business Days ARO Receptacles: 50 - 50+ 30mA GFEP Extra Breakers: None kWh Metering: Unmetered Lighting: LED - Amber Lens with Photocell Control Communications: None Terminal Block: Standard 140A 125/250V Single-Phase Loop-Feed, 1/4" Studs Mounting Brackets: Included Special Notes:	1	ea	1,438.50	1,438.50
Total					

We are pleased to offer this quotation for your review. Thank you for allowing Marina Electrical Equipment, Inc. the opportunity to participate in this project. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. The Terms and Conditions for Sale of Products form an essential part of this quotation and are incorporated herein. An updated copy of the Terms and Conditions are available at <https://marinaee.com/about-us/warranty>. Any additional or different terms or conditions proposed by you (in your order or otherwise) have been expressly objected by your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions when the quotation is accepted, order is confirmed, and delivery is accepted.

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Part Number	Description	Qty	U/M	Rate	Total
Harbor Light HL30100	HARBOR LIGHT Est. Lead Time: 40 Business Days ARO Side 1: 50 - 50 + 30mA GFEP Side 2: Blank Extra Breakers: None kWH Metering: Unmetered Lighting: LED - Amber Lens with Photocell Control Water: Two (2) 3/4" Water Communications: None Hose/Cable Brackets: Two (2) Terminal Block: Standard 250A 125/250V Single-Phase Loop-Feed, 3/8" Studs Special Notes:	2	ea	2,058.00	4,116.00
Shipping	Shipping Charge - Freight Included - Accessorial Fees (Liftgate Delivery or Residential Delivery) may apply.			0.00	0.00
Total					\$5,554.50

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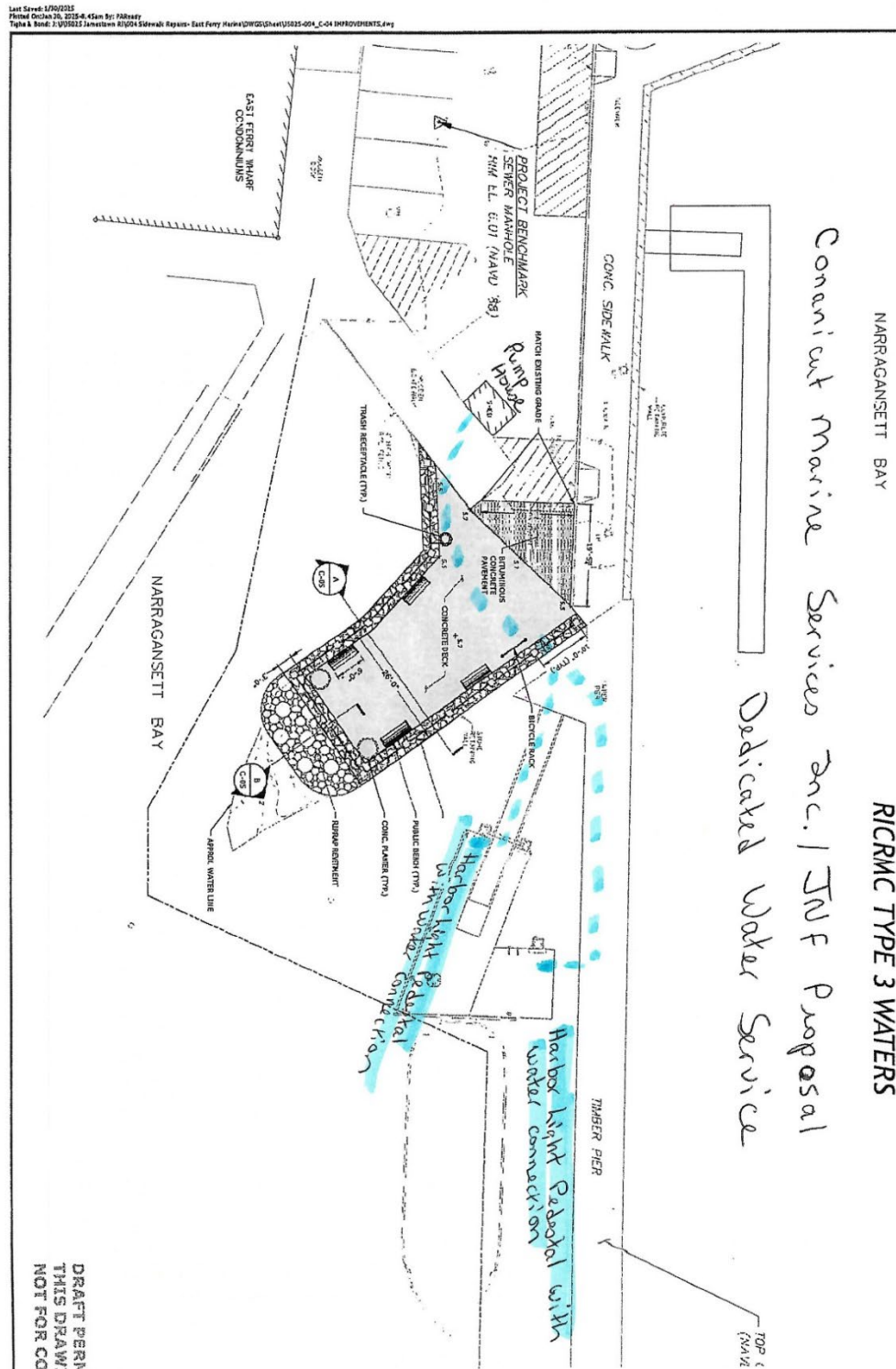
PHASE III - 50 AMP ELECTRICAL SERVICE

NOTE: BRITAIN ELECTRIC ESTIMATE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

**PHASE III - INSTALL WATER LINE TO PUMPOUT SHED &
METERED WATER SERVICE TO (2) HARBOR LIGHT 50/50 AMP
WITH WATER CONNECTIONS ON THE CONCRETE ADA FERRY
DOCK**

PHASE III - INSTALL WATER LINE TO CONCRETE ADA DOCK



ESTIMATE FOR DEDICATED WATER SERVICE PROJECT - To be done in conjunction with Town of Jamestown – We estimate \$5,000.00

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**PHASE III - PROPOSED MOVEABLE FERRY TICKET SALES/FERRY SITE MANAGER
OFFICE LOCATION ON WOODEN TRIANGLE AREA ADJACENT TO FERRY
TERMINAL AREA.**



**PHASE III - PROPOSED MOVEABLE FERRY TICKET SALES/FERRY SITE MANAGER
OFFICE –**

FRONT VIEW

NOTE: SIMILAR IN STYLE AS TO BE CONSTRUCTED



**PHASE III - PROPOSED MOVEABLE FERRY TICKET SALES/FERRY SITE MANAGER
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SIDE VIEW

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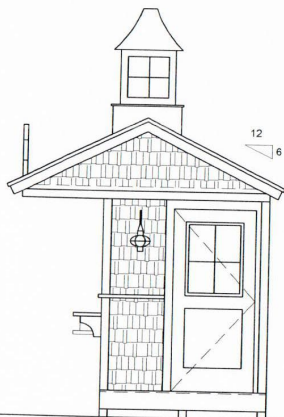


PHASE III - MOVEABLE TICKET BOOTH SHOWING FRONT AND SIDE ELEVATIONS

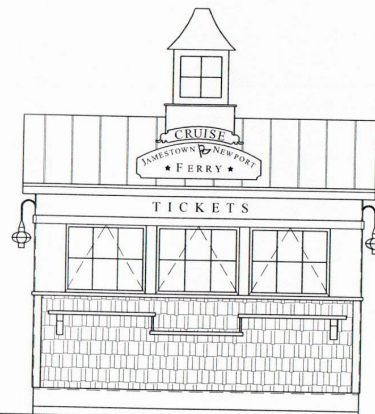
A-2.0 TICKET BOOTH

ELEVATIONS 07.18.22

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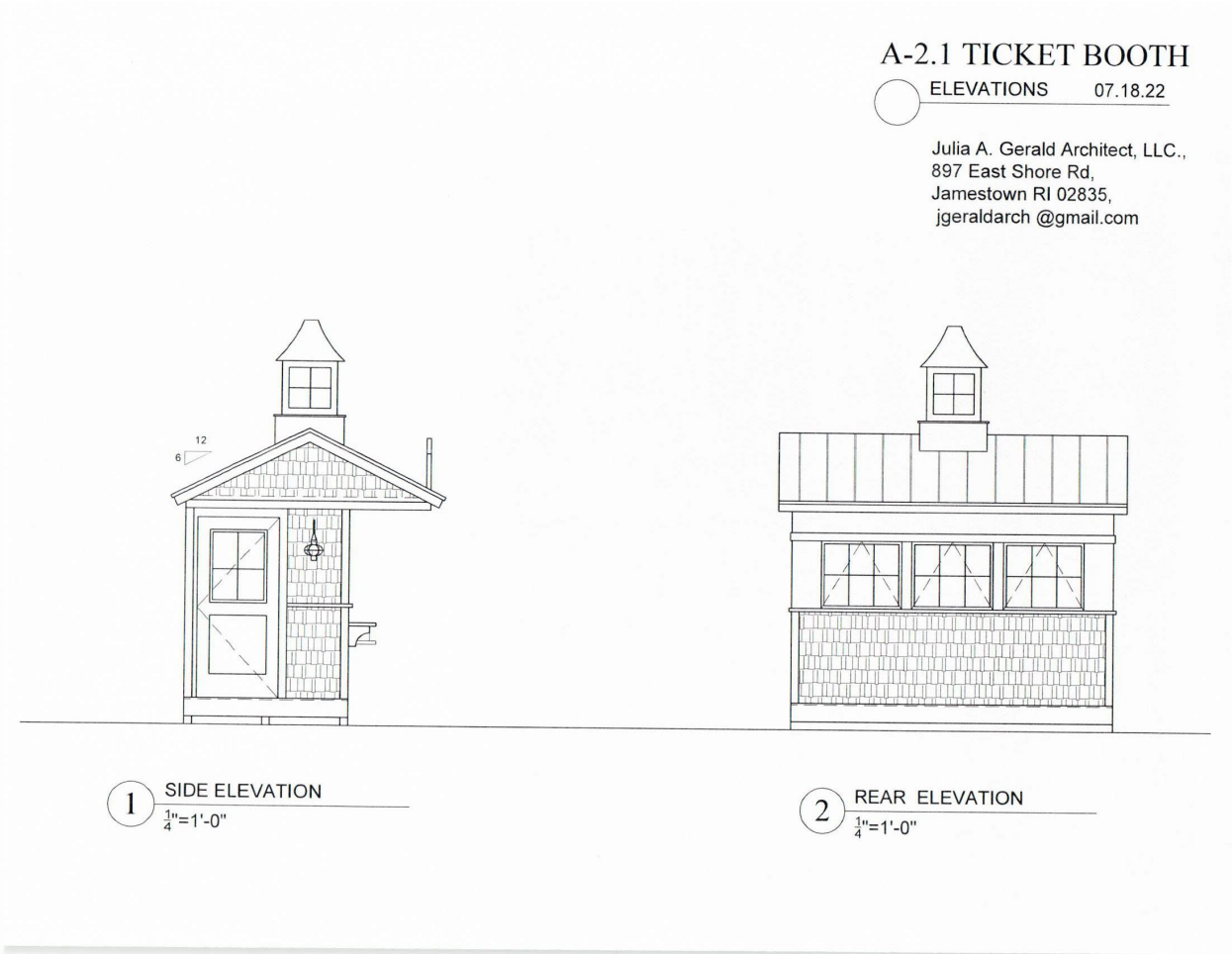


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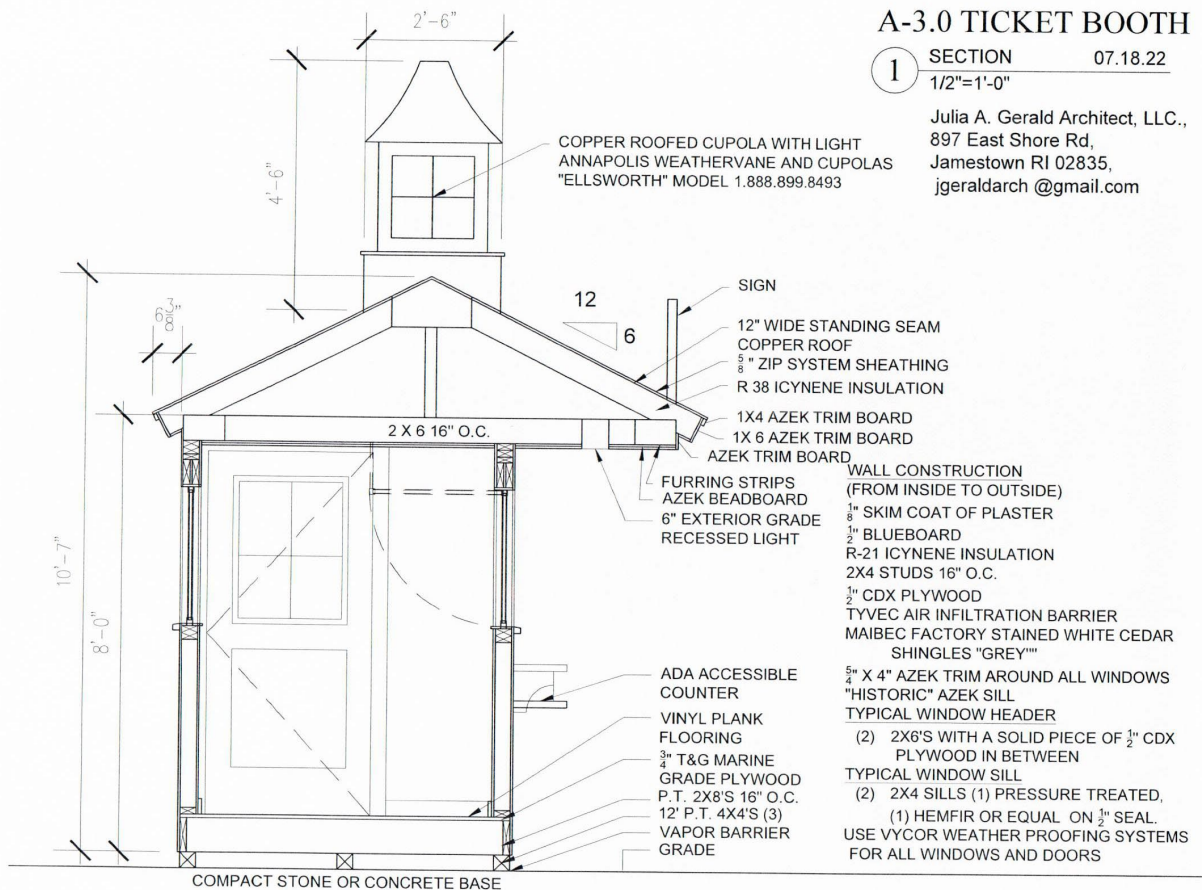
2 FRONT ELEVATION
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PHASE III - MOVEABLE TICKET BOOTH SHOWING SIDE AND REAR ELEVATIONS



NOTE: DUE TO PLACEMENT OF TICKET BOOTH THE EAST SIDE TICKET BOOTH DOOR WOULD BE CHANGED TO A WINDOW.

PHASE III - MOVEABLE TICKET BOOTH SHOWING MEASUREMENTS

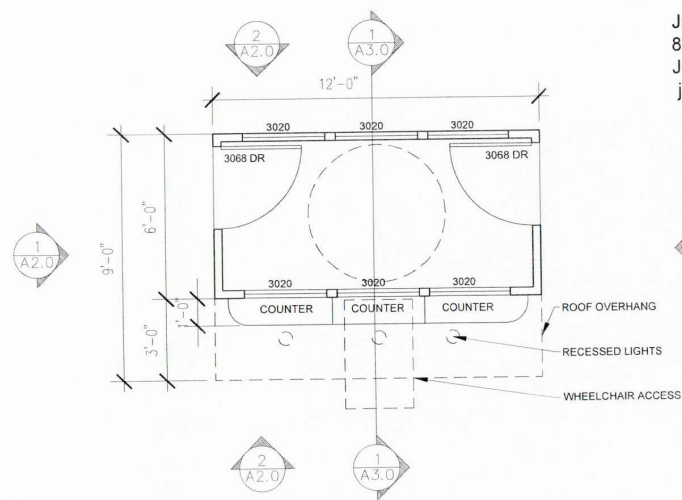


PHASE III - MOVEABLE TICKET BOOTH SHOWING ADA ACCESSIBILITY

A-1.0 TICKET BOOTH

PLAN 07.18.22

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1 PLAN
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FERRY TERMINAL PROPOSAL TERM SHEET

CMS agrees to provide any additional funding not covered by DOT grant for the Fender Pile project.

CMS agrees to provide personal funding for the Onsite Moveable Ticket Booth.

CMS and Town of Jamestown will agree on specific leasing terms for the land based removable ticket booth at the time the Ticket Booth Project is completed.

CMS and Town of Jamestown will agree on adjusted rate for Ferry Terminal User Agreement as phases above are completed.

The Town may want to participate along with CMS and DOT on the funding of future Phases as they are public assets.



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

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Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

May 21, 2025 at 5:00pm

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm and the following members were present: Bob Plain, Job Toll, Lisa Bryer, Dave Pritchard, Quaker Case, Fred Pease
Not present: Mary Meagher, Susan Gorelick, and Wayne Moore
Also present: Carrie Kolb, Richard Doyle

II. Approval of Minutes – review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

a. April 16, 2025

A motion was moved by Toll and seconded by Case to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting as amended. All in favor.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Town Bond for Affordable Housing, Financial Town Meeting June 2, 2025 – Public Education - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

1. Write a letter to the editor for Jamestown Press to educate why bond is needed.

Plain said that the Jamestown Press will publish letters to the editor but will not publish letters for candidate issues. Plain asked Tim Reil to write a story on the Affordable Housing bond and Plain, Bryer and Meagher are willing to talk to him. Plain has not heard back yet from so there is still potential.

2. Create a podcast with Susan Gorelick's Climate Café

Pritchard said that he is willing to do the podcast with Susan Gorelick in the next week.

3. Affordable Housing Bond will be the topic of the May Meeting for Climate Café

This item was not discussed.

4. Create an insert for the Jamestown Press

There is not a budget to create an insert in the Jamestown Press. A one-pager was created by Meagher and reviewed by Bryer that was distributed to the committee.

5. Get an article in the Jamestown Press

See item #1 above.

6. Have a supporter of Affordable Housing tell their story

This item was not discussed.

7. Educate/speak at Financial Town Meeting –

Discussion ensued on speaking at the Financial Town Meeting on Monday, June 2. Plain will speak about the Housing Champions Bill. Pritchard will speak from the point of view as a volunteer fire fighter. Case will speak about how the bond will make money to pay for the debt service. Pease or Bryer may speak as citizens, not as Town Sergeant or Town Planner.

Affordable Housing Committee minutes
May 21, 2025
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V. 2025 Jamestown Comprehensive Plan – Housing (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

a. Transmittal of Goals, Policies and Actions

Policies:

Related Goal 5 Policy #8: keep ADUs and add “for year-round housing”

Related Actions:

Related policy 10 Action # a: change “Establish a” to “Formalize the”

A motion was moved by Case and seconded by Pritchard to approve the amended worksheet.
All in favor.

VI. Member Reports (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

1. No reports at this time.

VII. Future Meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote (5 min)

Next meeting June 18, 2025 at 5:00pm

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:15pm was moved Pease seconded by Toll. All in favor.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025****2:30 P.M.****I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 2:39 P.M. at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Kenneth Newman, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Jennifer Thran, and Ms. Laura Goldstein. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Hugh Murphy.

Also in attendance was Keith Ford, Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers.

II. MINUTES

A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) Board of Canvassers meeting of March 26, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the above minutes. Ms. Meredith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Issues with Political Signage around Jamestown.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of the appointments to the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Committee and commented that it has been difficult to find interested individuals for the committee and also to adhere to the bipartisan requirement. This comes about from an informational meeting held prior to the November 5 General Election with Town Administrator (TA) Mello regarding signage regulations, who residents can make complaints to and how they are handled as well as where property lines, easements and state vs town roadways are determined. Mr. Ford commented that going forward the TA's suggestion was to look into the sign ordinance, and see if a change is needed and moving forward from there. Ms. Meredith commented that we should be careful with this issue as we could interfere with the first amendment very easily. Mr. Ford commented that we should work with the planning department on any future research and potential changes as well as the Town Solicitors. Ms. Meredith commented that the Board should first educate ourselves and the electorate of the current ordinance and the current limitations. Then proceed with the enforcement part. *A Discussion Ensued.* Ms. Meredith made a motion for the Board of Canvassers to begin research Article 13- Signage, of the Jamestown Code of Ordinance to make recommendations to make amendments to the ordinance with a second from Ms. Thran. Ms. Thran commented that there is a timeline within the ordinance specifically for political signs also specifically verbiage to size as well. *A Discussion ensued.* Mr. Newman called for a vote on the standing motion. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: Board of Canvassers Liaison to the Elections Training and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item commenting that without a standing committee due to lack of a quorum that the Board should take the role of the committee until one is made. Ms. Meredith moved to table further discussion/vote until there is a duly constituted Elections Training and Advisory Committee with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: Financial Town Meeting (FTM) to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Mr. Ford commented that as for the measures of the FTM, he has requested voting equipment from the Board of Elections including two (2) DS-200's, four to six (4-6) Poll Pads, fifteen hundred (1,500) yes/no ballots, one (1) express vote, eight (8) privacy booths including a handicap accessibly, and bracelets to identify voters vs non-voters. The capacity of the gymnasium is 440 seated individuals, and when two (2) fire marshals are present that number can increase to 700. He has confirmed with Chief Tighe that they will be on location. If need be, the cafeteria can hold an addition 140 individuals with audio and video capability. Mr. Ford moved on to the procedures of the FTM. *A Discussion*

Ensued. Mr. Newman commented that the Board should sit down with the editor of the Jamestown Press regarding the procedures of the FTM. *A Discussion Ensued.* No Vote/Action Taken.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: Presentation to the Board of Elections and/or Department of State regarding the Elections Training and advisory Committee's findings and recommendations.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item and Ms. Meredith made a motion that the Board of Canvassers present the findings of the Elections Training and Advisory Committee to the Board of Elections and the Secretary of States' Office with a second from Ms. Thran. Ms. Thran inquired about a timeframe for the presentation. *A Discussion ensued.* Mr. Newman after discussion called for a vote. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Ms. Thran commented that for a date of the presentation, it should be after the FTM. Mr. Newman commented that the June meeting may be a good date. Mr. Ford will reach out to both offices and invite them for the presentation.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Ford commented that the May 8th meeting will have the previous meeting minutes, approval of non-voters from the Town and School Department attending the FTM, as well as the Final Canvass for the FTM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 P.M.

Attest:



Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

CC: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (5)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025****2:30 P.M.****I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

A meeting of the Jamestown Board of Canvassers was held on March 3, 2025 and was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Newman at 2:37 P.M., at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Kenneth Newman, Mr. Hugh Murphy, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Jennifer Thran, and Ms. Laura Goldstein.

Also in attendance: Town Administrator Edward Mello, Finance Director Christina Collins, Town Clerk Roberta Fagan and Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers Keith Ford.

II. MINUTES

A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) Board of Canvassers meeting of April 16, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the above minutes. Ms. Meredith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Financial Town Meeting (FTM) to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of the FTM. Town Administrator (TA) Mello remarked that the FTM is run by the Town Moderator (TM) Dennis Webster and he is responsible for the overall management of the meeting. Town staff and Board of Canvassers have a significant amount of involvement in the FTM and planning talks have already begun with the TM. The last day to register to vote has been advertised and is May 3rd, with Town Hall being open from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. TA Mello outlined the procedures of the FTM as well as some of the planning that the town staff has begun. As of right now we have nine questions that voters will be voting on; questions one through four will be the Town Budget and related questions for the yearly operation of the town. Questions five through nine will be the bond questions. Mr. Ford is in the process of drafting up a single ballot that will cover all questions so that voters will only have to vote once. TA Mello commented that the Town will be providing a FTM booklet that will be published and delivered with the Jamestown Press. In this booklet there will be a description of the town operating budget and bond questions to help inform voters. One week before the FTM, a dedicated informational advertisement will be published detailing the bond questions and their intended uses, ensuring voters are as informed as possible.

Mr. Newman commented that this will take on the appearance of an election but will not be a Title 17 election. This is the Financial Town Meeting which is run by the Town Moderator and is governed by town ordinance. The Board of Canvassers will be serving at the pleasure of the Town, and has been invited to help with the vote.

Mr. Newman inquired as to how many sessions has the town had to discuss the budget and bonds. TA Mello commented there has been five public discussions on the operating budget, capital budget, and bond questions which have just been finalized by the Town Council. TA Mello reiterated the process that the town will take for advertisements and education of voters. *A Discussion Ensued.* Ms. Meredith commented that the Board's mission here should be voter education and to create a efficient process for voters. All nine questions on the ballot may make for confusion if not all the questions go to a paper ballot, but this is the correct way to proceed for cost savings and efficiency. TA Mello noted that we will be publishing a sample ballot as well for voters, and will have materials available and posted for voters to educate themselves. Ms. Thran inquired about if a voter was to make a motion to increase or reduce the budget during the meeting. TA Mello commented that a notice of intention amendment is required for any increase or reduction of more than \$10,000 which is due by May 13th. This should allow us time to make adjustments to the ballot. Any motion to

increase or reduce the budget by \$9,999 or less can be made at the meeting and the town will be prepared for this by having additional voting equipment and yes/no ballots available on site to use. *A Discussion Ensued.*

TM Webster commented that if a motion on the floor was made for a paper ballot, he would not entertain a voice vote and will be calling for a hand or standing vote for the count to have an accurate count. In the past the Board and town staff would count the vote and report the numbers to him and the Town Clerk. *A Lengthy Discussion Ensued.*

Mr. Newman asked for an agenda item be added for the May 8th meeting regarding the Board recommending to TM Webster that the electorate vote on a combined budget, town and school department, in on vote not separately. Mr. Ford will add that to the next agenda.

Jamestown Press Editor Tim Reil commented that this Board meeting will be in next weeks papers, the following week will be the budget book, and then he will be having a feature article before the FTM. All letters to the editor are forwarded to the publisher, Robert Berczuk who decides which to publish.

Ms. Thran inquired as to if the Board receives communications from voters what steps should they take. Town Clerk Fagan commented that letters addressed to the Board should be forwarded to Mr. Ford. He can place them on an agenda, under communications item so that these communications can be distributed to the Board. If a Board member would like to then take up the issue it can be placed on a future agenda.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Newman inquired about future agenda items. Mr. Ford commented that he has been asked by individual Board members to add, the Board of Elections request for support letters for budgeting approval for the replacement of poll pads, for a poll worker appreciation event, and the recommendation of passing the operating budget with only one vote and unfinished business of political signage in Jamestown. Which will be placed on the May 8th meeting agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Meredith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:41 P.M.

Attest:



Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

CC: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (5)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025
2:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Jamestown Board of Canvassers was held on May 8, 2025 and was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Newman at 2:35 P.M., at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Kenneth Newman, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Jennifer Thran, and Ms. Laura Goldstein. Absent was: Mr. Hugh Murphy.

Also in attendance: Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers Keith Ford.

II. MINUTES

- A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Board of Canvassers meeting of April 30, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the above minutes. Ms. Thran made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Issues with Political Signage around Jamestown.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of political signage around Jamestown. Ms. Meredith commented that she has done research in to the ordinance and the way that it reads is spot on without encroaching on or regulating the content of the sign. It does treat political signage the same as all other regulations. She did recommend if there is a question on signage or issue with signs on their own property, the ordinance does not clarify who to contact. Mr. Ford commented that in the ordinance it does state it is under the purview of the building and zoning official. *A Discussion Ensued.* Mr. Newman inquired as to what is the process of changing town ordinances. Mr. Ford commented that it would involve research, public workshops, advertisements and then a vote by the Town Council. He also commented that we should speak with the Planning Department regarding any proposed changes as well as the Town Solicitor(s) with any proposals. Ms. Meredith commented that any proposed changes should be in general nature and apply to all signs. Currently the ordinance for political signage is that it cannot be displayed in excess of 120 days prior to the event and shall be removed within seven days after the event. Mr. Newman commented that he would like to have this ordinance clarified for the electorate. He would like to set a date to have a discussion with the Town Solicitor and Planner regarding ordinance changes process and potential changes. Mr. Ford will invite them both to our July 23rd meeting. *No Action/Vote Taken.*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Financial Town Meeting to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of the Financial Town Meeting and the request for permission for non-Jamestown voters to attend the FTM. Mr. Ford commented that Town Clerk Roberta Fagan and Superintendent David Raleigh submitted lists to him requesting for special permission for the individuals listed to attend the meeting. These individuals are town and school staff members. This permission would allow them to be at the meeting but not participate in voting, they will be signed in and given non-voter bracelets to identify them. Ms. Meredith made a motion to approve the request for permission for non-Jamestown voters to attend the Financial Town Meeting in letters submitted to Mr. Ford by both the town and school department with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of the recommendation to the Town Moderator to ask for one motion to pass the general operating budget and the school department budget combined. Mr. Ford commented that the Town has discussed with the Town Moderator having a vote for the town operating budget and the school department budget as one item. This is due to the fact the school budget is a line item of the town budget they are not separate. In the past we have had a vote for the town budget, a separate vote for the school department budget, then a third for passing of the combined budgets. This could make for issues if one is passed and the other is not. Which is why the town has moved to simplify the process. *A Discussion Ensued.* Ms. Thran made a motion to recommend to the Town Moderator to have a single vote for the town budget and the school budget with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Meredith made a motion to move agenda item C) (State Funding of Poll Pads for the Board of Elections) and D) (Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: A Poll Worker Appreciation Event) to be heard prior to agenda item B) with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: Letter of Support regarding State Funding of Poll Pads for the Board of Elections (BOE).

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of a letter of support regarding the state funding of poll pads for the BOE. Ms. Meredith commented that the BOE has notified election officials that the state has removed funding for the replacement of poll pads. The BOE has asked for letters of support to for this budget item. Without the replacement poll pads we could be forced to go back to paper poll books. Mr. Ford commented that the poll pads have critical security updates from the manufacturer for 7 years and many of the poll pads used are at the end of that time. The BOE has asked for \$200,000 to for the replacement of 900 during FY26/27. *A Discussion Ensued.* Ms. Thran made a motion that the Board send a letter of support to the Governor, House Finance Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Mr. Ford will draft and send the letter on behalf of the Board.

D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: A Poll Worker Appreciation Event.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of a poll worker appreciation event. Ms. Meredith commented that we have great poll workers, some who come year after year that have been doing so for many years. We also have many new poll workers who have recently joined and we want to send our appreciation to all the poll workers we have. Also use this to answer any questions they may have. *A Discussion ensued.* Mr. Ford commented that our monthly meeting is September 17th. Ms. Thran commented this could be a potluck type luncheon. Ms. Meredith made a motion to have a poll worker appreciation event on September 17th prior to our Board meeting at 2:30 P.M. with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: The Town Final Canvass, to correct the voting list for the Financial Town Meeting to be held on June 3, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the Final Canvass. Mr. Ford presented the Board the Final Canvass list of voters. The Board reviewed the list. Ms. Meredith made a motion to approve and certify the Final Canvass List with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Meredith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye; Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Keith Ford', written in black ink.

Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

CC: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (5)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 5:30 P.M. at 55 Lawn Avenue, the Jamestown School Gymnasium. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Kenneth Newman, Mr. Hugh Murphy, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Jennifer Thran and Ms. Laura Goldstein.

Also in attendance was Keith Ford, Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Board of Canvassers in session for the 2025 Financial Town Meeting to handle any Election Matters.

No meeting minutes were taken during this time. All Board of Canvassers were present at the Jamestown School for the duration of the meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 P.M.

Attest:



Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

Cc: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (5)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

APPROVED: 6/11/25

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Mark Campbell.

Present:

Mark Campbell, Vice-Chairman
Sue Romano, Commissioner
Jim Archibald, Commissioner
Bob Laman, Commissioner
Paul Sprague, Commissioner

Absent:

Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner

Also in Attendance:

Jim Heagney, Executive Director
Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk
Nancy Beye, Town Council Liaison

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

A. February 12, 2025

Commissioner Laman made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2025, and seconded by Commissioner Romano. There was no discussion. So voted: Vice-Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye.

III. Executive Director's Report – J. Heagney

Executive Director Heagney stated that the only outstanding item in the Harbor Management Plan is the sunset clause for the transfer of a mooring to an immediate family member. CRMC is no longer allowing such transfers in any community. Executive Director Heagney stated he has not been able to get in touch with Kevin Cute at CRMC to go over the draft plan. Commissioner Sprague asked what other towns are doing as far as the sunset clause, and only Newport no longer allows transfers to a family member. Commissioner Archibald asked if the mooring permit would then be available to someone on the waiting list, and it would be. Commissioner

Sprague asked if riparian moorings would be affected, and they would not be. There was some discussion.

Executive Director Heagney stated he has also finished updating the Harbor Management Ordinance, but he is not going to submit the Ordinance for discussion until the Plan is approved. There was some discussion about the timeline and when public input should be sought. Marian Falla, of Green Lane, stated she thought there should be public comment before the Plan is adopted. There was more discussion about how the Plan and Ordinance would be presented to the public.

IV. Harbormaster's Report – J. Heagney

Harbormaster Bart Totten was not available so Executive Director Heagney updated the Commission. The older boat has been launched and is currently at the dock at East Ferry. It will eventually be moved to Dutch Harbor after the ramp to the Harbormaster dock is installed within the next week. The new boat is still on the trailer awaiting installation of the radar. Harbormaster Totten has hired a new assistant harbormaster, Mike Paruta, who is also an assistant harbormaster in Newport, and there will be one intern this summer, Kiley George. The harbormaster and the assistants will be working a rotating schedule throughout the summer, and the intern will be working 3 or 4 days a week. The harbormaster office will be moving to the former ambulance barn on Knowles Court for the summer. Commissioner Romano asked if the expenses to set up the office would be covered by the amount that was budgeted for an office space. Office furniture and internet wiring are already in place, so the only thing that needs to be installed is a land line. Commissioner Romano also asked how much of the building will be utilized. The back half of the building will be used by the harbormasters, and shared occasionally with the Parks and Recreation Department.

V. Year-to-Date Financial Report – S. Romano

Commissioner Romano explained a cost overrun in the fees, dues, and supplies line. Expenses that should have been charged to the maintenance of docks and harbor account will be reallocated.

Commissioner Sprague brought up the existence of a town fund that is specifically for the Parks and Recreation Department, but he wondered if it could possibly be accessed by the Harbor Department if a maintenance or repair project was applicable to both departments. There was some discussion.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Budget – S. Romano – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Romano discussed the timeline to prepare the budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

B. Facilities – J. Archibald – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Archibald stated that the repair to the West Ferry bulkhead looks great, but there are still some sinkholes on the north side of the pier that need to be taken care of. Executive Director Heagney stated that those sinkholes keep reappearing and there are no plans to repair

them at this time. The East Ferry project to repair the old ferry landing was brought up but there is no timeline for when that might begin.

Vice-Chairman Campbell asked if the pumpouts have been commissioned yet. They are not but will be next week. The West Ferry bathroom is open.

C. Gould Island Restoration – M. Campbell and B. Laman – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Laman stated he did not know what the date is yet for the June meeting. The RAB will be presenting what remediation needs to be done at that meeting.

VII. Liaison Reports

A. Conservation Commission – B. Laman – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

The Conservation Commission has gotten a lot of feedback from people who do not want to have Gould Island opened up for public use because they would like it to be kept strictly as a wildlife sanctuary. It is currently deeded as a wildlife sanctuary. The Audubon Society, in particular, is concerned because Gould Island is on the migratory route. Commissioner Laman stated the Conservation Commission is trying to put together a group to study the impact of public use on the birds and other wildlife on Gould Island.

The Conservation Commission is also involved in discussions about RIDOT plans for the Great Creek bridge. It could potentially be reconstructed in 2029, and the state is looking for feedback from Jamestown. One of the other conservation commissioners was told that the state will do what Jamestown wants to do as far as plans for a repaired or completely new bridge. Commissioner Laman thinks there should be a coordinated effort between the Harbor and Conservation Commissions to elicit feedback from the public.

Vice-Chairman Campbell brought up Gould Island again to confirm that the Harbor and Conservation Commissions, as well as the Town Council, are taking a wait and see attitude about allowing recreation on Gould Island. Once the Army Corps of Engineers finishes their hazardous waste remediation, the State must also do their own study to address the public safety issues on the island. There is no money in their budget this year or next for such a study. Commissioner Romano asked what the deed states as far as what the use of Gould Island is to be. The deed states it is to be used as a wildlife refuge.

B. Town Council – N. Beye – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Town Council President Nancy Beye introduced herself as the new Town Council Liaison to the Harbor Commission. She stated three candidates for the vacancy on the Harbor Commission were interviewed at the last Town Council meeting, and the council may vote to fill the vacancy at the next meeting Monday night.

Vice-Chairman Campbell asked President Beye to bring information from the Town Council meetings as it relates to the Harbor Commission. There was some discussion.

VIII. Old Business

A. Liability Insurance Requirements for Mooring Permit Holders – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Executive Director Heagney stated that he ran a report after the last meeting to show how many Class 3 mooring permit holders did not have liability insurance, and only 5 permit holders did not have insurance listed for their vessels. Vice-Chairman Campbell clarified they are discussing Class 3 moorings, of which there are 315 permitted. There was some discussion. Commissioner Romano asked about transient moorings, but the only transient moorings in Jamestown waters are leased by the marinas, and they all require insurance for vessels occupying a transient mooring. Executive Director Heagney stated that during a meeting with other harbor masters from the surrounding communities, he discovered that only Newport requires liability insurance for private moorings. Commissioner Sprague pointed out that the state does not require liability insurance when you register a vessel. There was more discussion about what the minimum size is for registering a boat and insurance requirements.

Commissioner Romano made a motion to require liability insurance for Class 3 mooring permit holders and was seconded by Commissioner Sprague. There was more discussion about including riparian mooring permit holders and how the insurance requirement would be reported in Online Mooring. Tony Pinheiro, of Beacon Avenue, asked how insurance requirements would be enforced for guest moorings. The motion was amended to state that non-commercial mooring permit holders, Riparian and Class 3, in Jamestown are required to have liability insurance to state-registered vessels. Commissioner Sprague then made a motion that all non-commercial mooring permit holders in Jamestown are required to have liability insurance for their vessel, if it is required to be registered by the state, and was seconded by Commissioner Laman. There was no further discussion. So voted on the original motion that would require liability insurance for Class 3 mooring permit holders: Vice-Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye. So voted on the amended motion: Vice-Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye.

B. Request of Antonio Pinheiro to defer payment of permit fees until later in the Season – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Vice-Chairman Campbell opened the discussion by asking Executive Director Heagney if any other aquafarmers/commercial permit holders had asked to defer payment, and no one else has. Commissioner Romano stated she had asked a commercial fisherman who has an outhaul permit if he needed to defer payment of the fees, and he replied that he budgets for that. There was some discussion, including the fact that if one person got an exception then more people could ask for an exception. Commissioner Romano made a motion that no changes be made to the renewal period for permit fees and was seconded by Commissioner Archibald. So voted: Vice-Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye, Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Layman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, nay.

IX. Correspondence – None at this time.

X. New Business

A. Nomination and Selection of New Harbor Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Commissioner Laman nominated Vice-Chairman Campbell for Chairman and was seconded by Commissioner Romano. So voted: Vice-Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye.

Commissioner Archibald nominated Commissioner Romano for Vice-Chair, but there was no second. Chairman Campbell then nominated Commissioner Laman. There was some discussion, as Commissioner Laman is already serving as Chairman of the Conservation Commission. It was pointed out that the Vice-Chair does not automatically become the Chair if the position is vacant. Commissioner Sprague stated he thought it would be a conflict of interest for Commissioner Laman to be the Chair of Conservation and Vice-Chair of Harbor because the two commissions often meld together in discussions. Commissioner Romano pointed out Commissioner Laman could recuse himself in those cases. There was more discussion. So voted: Chairman Campbell, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Laman, aye; Commissioner Sprague, nay.

B. Wait List Opportunities – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Executive Director Heagney started by saying that 19 mooring permits turned over during the off-season. The process of reassigning the permits, however, becomes onerous because there are some people at the top of the wait list who have been there for some time, and they decline a mooring permit when offered. The Harbor Management Plan does not address the issue of how long someone can be on the wait list and how many times someone can say “no thank you” to a permit offer. Commissioner Romano asked if it would be addressed in the Ordinance, but it is not currently. Executive Director Heagney would like it to be addressed.

In his meeting with the other harbormasters last week, Executive Director Heagney asked what their wait list policies are. Some towns remove a person from the wait list entirely if they decline a mooring offer, in other towns, the person goes to the bottom of the wait list. Jamestown is the only town that allows wait list occupants to maintain their wait list position when they decline a mooring offer. There was some discussion. Harbor Clerk Rich stated that four people in the top 6 on the wait list in Dutch Harbor have been offered moorings multiple times and declined every time. It slows down the process of offering permits because the wait listed person is given 72 hours to reply yes or no to the offer. Commissioner Romano stated that Newport has opened up a mooring field for smaller boats and asked if something like that could work for Jamestown, but there is currently no space available for such a mooring field.

Executive Director Heagney discussed the five mooring zones around Jamestown that are open to Class 3 (non-riparian) mooring permits. Within two of the zones there are different mooring fields, some of which don’t have any moorings in them. For example, within Zone E (Head’s Beach), there are five different mooring fields. Executive Director Heagney is working with

Online Mooring this year to add the 17 different mooring fields so people can choose which mooring field, within a particular zone, they would like to be wait listed for. Some of the mooring fields are off of rights of way, so access could be difficult for some people, but for others, they could have a mooring tomorrow. Commissioner Sprague mentioned that parking could be an issue at some of the rights of way. There was some discussion. Executive Director Heagney asked the Harbor Commission if there should be a one or two strike policy for declining a mooring permit so it can be incorporated into the plan and ordinance. There was some discussion about how long a person has to get a boat if they accept a mooring permit. Vice-Chairman Laman made a motion that if a person declines a mooring offer, they will go to the bottom of the wait list, and it was seconded by Chairman Campbell. There was no discussion. So voted: Chairman Campbell, aye; Vice-Chairman Laman, aye, Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye.

C. Draft Letter from Sail Newport to Rear Admiral Platt, USCG First District Commander regarding Narragansett Bay Buoys – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Executive Director Heagney asked if everyone had gotten a chance to read the letter contained in their packet regarding the potential removal, by the Coast Guard, of aids to navigation around Narragansett Bay. There was some discussion about the timeline because the Coast Guard has a deadline of June 13 for public comment. Executive Director Heagney had asked the Town Administrator, Edward Mello, what the role of the Harbor Commission should be for this request, and his response was one letter from the Town Council, at the request of the Harbor Commission, is sufficient. Executive Director Heagney had a chart of Narragansett Bay with pins identifying the buoys Sail Newport had identified that should not be removed. He asked if there were other buoys the commissioners felt should be included in the list to keep. There was more discussion as to the scope of the letter, and consensus that the letter from the commission should be limited to those buoys in Jamestown waters. Commissioner Sprague made a motion to have Executive Director Heagney draft a letter to the Town Council that would be forwarded to them after approval by the Town Administrator, and it was seconded by Commissioner Romano. There was no more discussion. So voted: Chairman Campbell, aye; Vice-Chairman Laman, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye.

XI. Open Forum

A. Scheduled Requests to Address – None scheduled at this time;

B. Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

John Potter, of Narragansett Avenue, had suggestions for posting the draft plan and ordinance on the Harbor page of the Town website. What is currently on the page is confusing and unclear as to what is being revised.

Marian Falla, of Green Lane, stated that during the Fort Getty presentation, someone brought up adding a touch and go dock there, and she asked if it was something that could be put on a future agenda for the Harbor Commission to discuss, or perhaps discuss it jointly with the Recreation Department. She thinks it is a good idea to have a touch and go dock there. There


was some discussion. Everyone agreed it would be a great idea to have a touch and go dock near the boat ramp and it has been discussed in the past, but there are always the issues that it is near a conservation zone and who is going to pay for it.

Tony Pinheiro, of Beacon Avenue, suggested filing an application with CRMC for maintenance of the existing boat ramp. There was some discussion. Executive Director Heagney recently met with Carlos Pena, who had done a study of the ramp for the previous Executive Director, and he suggested moving the ramp to the other side of the causeway where it would not be in a conservation area. There was more discussion. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

Chairman Campbell listed the items that had been discussed during the meeting, and it is a long list. He wants to know, what is the charter of the Harbor Commission and what is their role in the town? He will do the research, and stated the Harbor Commission needs to focus on doing what it is supposed to be doing.

There being no further business, Commissioner Romano made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Sprague. So voted: Chairman Campbell, aye; Vice-Chairman Laman, aye; Commissioner Romano, aye; Commissioner Archibald, aye; Commissioner Sprague, aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Attest,



Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

JAMESTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners of the Jamestown Housing Authority met in session at 9:15 a.m. on April 9, 2025. The members were able to declare a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.; ROLL CALL by Executive Director Nikki Vazquez
Chairwoman Lisa Rafferty – Present
Commissioner Susan Romano –Present
Commissioner Bob Plain – Absent
Commissioner Gerald Precious - Present

Also in Attendance: Nikki Vazquez- Executive Director, Bethany Hashway,

Public Present: No members of the public were present at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 2025. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

Communications

Motion made by Commissioner Precious to approve Communications. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Friends of Jamestown Housing

A motion was made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the Friends of Jamestown Housing report. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed. Feather the Nest Fundraiser will be held on April 28, 2025, at BEECH Restaurant.

Executive Director Report

Motion made by Commissioner Precious to approve the Executive Director's Report. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

By-Laws

Motion made by Vice-Chair Romano to approve the By-Laws. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

FY 2025 Income Limits Documentation

Motion made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the HUD FY 2025 Income Limits. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

FY 2025 Capital Fund Resolution 04092025

Motion made by Commissioner Precious to approve the FY 2025 Capital Fund Resolution. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously approved.

5 Year and Annual Plan 04092025

Motion was made by Commissioner Precious to approve the 5 Year and Annual Plan. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

RFQ #2025 1 Request for Qualifications: Public Housing Repositioning CO- Develop-Partner-

Motion was made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the solicitation for a Co -developer Partner. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

Action Item

Motion was made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the March 2025 bills. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Reports and Requests -

Chairwoman Rafferty reported that a Jamestown resident will be interviewed by the Town Council to fill the vacant Board seat.

Public Comment – No public comment

A motion was made by Commissioner Precious to go into the Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Executive Closed Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46 -5 (a) (1) Personnel – Executive Director Performance Review.

A motion made by Vice Chair Romano to sign and seal the minutes of the closed session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

During the closed session no votes were taken.

A motion to return to the meeting was made by Vice Chair Romano and seconded by Commissioner Precious, unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Romano, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

JAMESTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners
Friday, May 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners of the Jamestown Housing Authority met in session at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2025. The members were able to declare a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 a.m.; ROLL CALL by Executive Director Nikki Vazquez
Chairwoman Lisa Rafferty – Present
Commissioner Susan Romano –Present
Commissioner Bob Plain – Absent
Commissioner Gerald Precious - Present

Also in Attendance: Nikki Vazquez- Executive Director, Bethany Hashway, Lousie Marcus Esq.

Public Present: No members of the public were present at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2025. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

Communications

Motion made by Commissioner Precious to approve Communications. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Friends of Jamestown Housing

A motion was made by Commissioner Precious to approve the Friends of Jamestown Housing report which included positive reviews of the Second Annual Feather the Nest Fundraiser at BEECH, with thanks to the committee and BEECH staff and owners, making it possible to raise approximately \$11,000 in one night. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Executive Director Report

Motion made by Vice Chair Romano to approve the Executive Director's Report. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

FY 2025 Budget Resolution 05072025

Motion was made by Commissioner Precious to approve the Budget Resolution. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Reports and Requests -

Vice Chair Romano mentioned that COAST came to JHA campus on Saturday and participated in an event to outreach and visit each resident to let them know about the services COAST offers.

Public Comment – No public comment

A motion was made by Commissioner Precious to go into the Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

Executive Closed Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46 -5 (a) (1) Personnel – Executive Director Performance Review.

A motion made by Commissioner Precious to sign and seal the minutes of the closed session. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

During the closed session no votes were taken.

A motion to return to the meeting was made by Commissioner Precious and seconded by Vice Chair Romano, unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Romano, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

JAMESTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners of the Jamestown Housing Authority met in a special session at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 2025. The members were able to declare a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER 9:02 a.m.; ROLL CALL by Chair Lisa Rafferty
Chairwoman Lisa Rafferty – Present
Vice Chair Susan Romano –Present
Commissioner Gerald Precious - Present

Motion was made by Vice Chair Romano to go into the Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously passed.

Executive Closed Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46 -5 (a) (1) Personnel – Executive Director Performance Review.

A motion made by Commissioner Precious to sign and seal the minutes of the closed session. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Romano and unanimously passed.

During the closed session there was a motion to approve the Executive Director's Performance Review and renew contract.

A motion to return to the meeting was made by Vice Chair Romano and seconded by Commissioner Precious, unanimously carried.

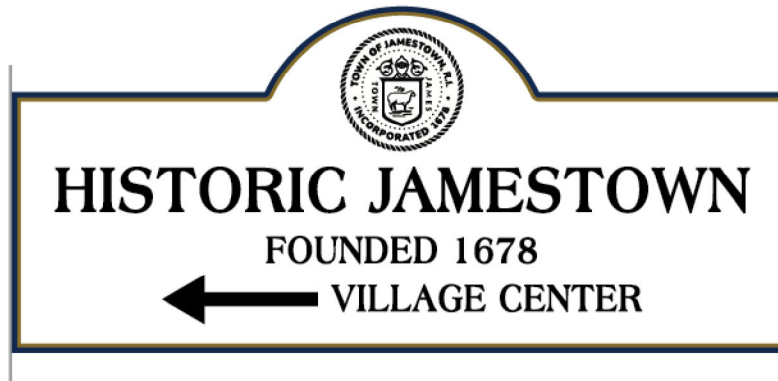
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Romano, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Precious and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.



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June 17, 2025

RECEIVED:
JUN 26, 2025 09:30 AM
Roberta J. Fasan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

Dear Town Members of the Jamestown Town Council,

Hi my name is Cade, I am in fifth grade at Lawn Avenue Middle School. I am respectfully writing to ask that a playground gets built in the North End.

I, and many other kids, can't bike to the other playground safely and most of the time we are not able to go to the playground because our parents can't drive us.

I am requesting that a playground be built in the North End.

Playgrounds can greatly help with our mental well-being. According to the article in, Safe Homes Movement, "Playgrounds are a place where kids can make new friends, learn to work together, and develop important social skills." This is crucial for our well being and a playground will greatly help us to grow into well rounded members of this community.

Please consider putting a playground on the North End. Thank you for reading this letter and taking time out of your busy day.

Sincerely,
Cade Trifero

Cade Trifero

[REDACTED]
Jamestown, RI 02835

Hello I am Isabella Paradis. I'm in the 5th grade of Lawn school and I am concerned about the effects of putting chemicals like fertilizer and pesticides on peoples' lawns. These chemicals pose threats to human health, pet health, wildlife and can cause water contamination, as well as soil contamination, and ecological disturbance. So, I say we, the town of Jamestown, stop this by coming up with other solutions and putting an end to these deadly lawn chemicals in our town.

Lawn chemicals can decline human and pet health. According to "Dangers of Lawn Chemicals: Impacts and Alternatives" it states "Rodenticides and herbicides are toxic if ingested. For instance, pets and wildlife roaming free on treated lawns can absorb chemicals through their paws or ingest them while grooming. Pyrethroids in particular can cause infertility, damage to immune systems, and cardiac disease in humans." Because of these dangerous chemicals they can lead to cancer for pets and humans and sometimes kill them.

Lawn chemicals also affect our bays. According to "cfpub.epa.gov" it states "When lawn chemicals run off into lakes and streams, insects and fish are harmed or killed, causing disruption to the entire food chain." Because of these chemicals getting into our waters it can hurt an entire ecosystem.

Lawn chemicals can contaminate our soil. According to "pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov" it states "Heavy treatment of soil with pesticides can cause populations of beneficial soil microorganisms to decline. According to the soil scientist Dr. Elaine Ingham, "If we lose both bacteria and fungi, then the soil degrades." These chemicals could make soil degrade leading to less, and unhealthy soil.

There are also a lot of ways we could prevent these effects of lawn chemicals. Other places like Portland, Maine, Boulder, Colorado, Jupiter, Florida, Maui, Hawaii, and Norwalk, Connecticut are taking steps to prevent the effects of lawn chemicals, and some even banning it. According to "Lawn Love" it states, "Concerns over pollution mainly toxic algae blooms that are killing aquatic life have also led more than 30 Florida counties to enact strict regulations that range from establishing fertilizer-free zones within 25 feet of ponds, streams, wetlands, and other waterways to testing plant tissues before applying phosphorus." Because of these laws they make other places more safe for the towns.

Lawn chemicals are forever destructive and should be not allowed on our island home and business lawns. They hurt pets and human health, get into our waters killing aquatic life, and pollute our soil. I am concerned about what these chemicals are doing to the town of Jamestown and hope we will step up and make laws to limit the use or ban these lawn chemicals. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this letter and I hope you take this letter into consideration.

Sincerely,

Isabella Paradis

Isabella Paradis

Jamestown RI 02835

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Roberta J. Fagan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

June 12, 2025

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JUN 26, 2025 09:31 AM
Roberta J. Fagan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

Dear Town Council Members,

Hello, my name is Gianna DiMaggio and I am a 5th grade student attending Lawn School in Mrs. Bernardo's Social Studies class. I am writing this letter to address to the town that we should build a dog park in Jamestown. Because we don't have a dog park, dogs and their owners can't socialize and give each other advice about their pets. We need to build a dog park as soon as possible.

We need a dog park in Jamestown. According to Southeast Outdoors Solutions they state, "Dog parks allow dogs to socialize with other dogs, and that is important because it helps dogs learn how to be around other dogs." Because we don't have a dog park, dogs might not be friendly to each other. Dogs will know how to act around other dogs.

We should have a dog park in Jamestown. A dog park benefits both the dog owner and the dog. According to Southeast Outdoors, "Dog parks give owners the chance to be physically active with their furry friends. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you should get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity each week. That equals out to about 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Playing with your puppy at the dog park is a great way to meet those exercise guidelines." If we had a Dog park it would help you and your dog get exercise and be healthier.

A dog park would benefit the people that live in Jamestown. According to Southeast Outdoors they state, "Since dog parks give you the opportunity to connect with other dog owners, you can also learn some great things from these new contacts. You can ask questions you have about your dog. You get training tips or advice from other dog parents. You can also get advice on all things "dog," like dog food suggestions, popular dog toys, best places for veterinary care in your community. The list goes on and on!" Since we do not have a dog park, other dog owners cannot interact with one another and give one other advice.

Since we don't have a dog park, owners along with their dogs can't exercise and give advice to other dog owners. I think that we should have dog parks so dogs and their owners can interact with each other, and get exercise. As a community of dog families, we need to have a dog park in Jamestown so the community, town grounds, and their pets can be healthier and better. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Gianna
Gianna DiMaggio

[REDACTED]
Jamestown, Rhode Island, 02835

RECEIVED:
JUN 26, 2025 09:31 AM
Roberta J. Fasan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

June 17, 2025

Dear Town Council of Jamestown,

My name is Wyatt Rathbun. I am in fifth grade at Lawn Avenue Middle School. I am writing because I am concerned that the playgrounds in town are too far away for many residents. I, and many other kids, can't ride our bikes, scooters, or skateboards safely. I really think we should put a playground in the North End to be safe.

There is no park on the North End of Jamestown and the children don't have a place to play. There are three playgrounds within walking distance of the schools and one at the library but none in the North End.

There are many social benefits for community playgrounds. It is important for kids and adults to interact with other people and be active outdoors. This is important because if you don't interact with adults and kids then you can't make friends to have fun with. We should have a playground in the North End so kids and parents can interact and have fun.

It is my hope that a playground is placed in the North End. In order for this to happen, I propose that we have fundraisers, start a playground fund, or increase the taxes for people.

I really think we should put a playground in the North End to keep us safe. A playground in the North End will help us not get hurt like getting hit by a car. So please put a playground in the North End and thanks for taking time from your day to read my letter .

**Sincerely,
Wyatt Rathbun**

**[REDACTED]
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835**

Jun 17, 2025

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Roberta J. Fasan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

Dear Town Council Members,

Hi, My name is Kyla Barron, and as a fifth grader in lawn school, I was assigned to give my opinion about something that we need to fix in our town and I chose the topic about bee population and how we need a better job to save them. Bees do vital things for our environment. Like how they pollinate plants, contribute to the soil, and also contribute to plant growth.

What's so good about pollination? You may be asking, well without pollination all plants won't be able to reproduce successfully. According to Polanater.org it states "Without pollination, many plants would not be able to reproduce successfully, leading to a decline in plant populations and a loss of biodiversity. vital for plant reproduction, especially in flowering plants, and plays a crucial role in supporting ecosystems and food production" This is one of the reasons why pollination is so important.

Bees contribute to the soil. Bees contribute to the soil because some bee species nest in the soil, which can improve soil aeration and water sequestration. According to the site WWF it states in the text "Some bee species, particularly ground-nesting bees, create tunnels in the soil for their nests. These tunnels help to aerate the soil, improving its structure and allowing for better water and air infiltration." This site also said "Bees indirectly contribute to soil health in several ways. By pollinating plants, they ensure the continuation of plant life, which in turn supports healthy root systems that help prevent soil erosion. Additionally, some bee species nest in the soil, which can improve soil aeration and water sequestration. Their activities also contribute to nutrient cycling and the overall health of the soil ecosystem."

Bees contribute to plant growth. Bees contribute to plant growth through pollination. According to the site called farmers.gov it states "Bees play a crucial role in plant growth through pollination. They transfer pollen from the male part of a flower (anther) to the female part (stigma), which is essential for fertilization and the production of seeds and fruits. This process allows plants to reproduce and thrive, contributing to the overall health of ecosystems and supporting food." This means that bees help plants grow with polonation.

I hope you can understand what I mean when we need to save the bees , and also I enjoyed sharing this topic with you and I hope you can make a change by stopping using chemicals and start caring more about the bees! What will you do as a town council member, to help our town lead with this cause?

Sincerely,

Kyla Barron

Kyla Barron

Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

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JUN 26, 2025 09:32 AM
Roberta J. Fasan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

June 13

Dear Town Council Members

Do you remember being a little kid and wanting to go to a playground all the time? My name is Ella Smith and I am in fifth grade at Lawn Avenue School. I am writing to you today because I would like the community to build a playground in the north end.

The playground in town is too far away from the north end. Our community only has one park. This means it would be easier to not have to drive all the way to get to the playground in town if you live in the north end. Kids riding bicycles on a busy street is very dangerous and difficult. Our town needs a playground in the north end.

According to

<https://activeswv.org/2023/02/active-places-the-importance-of-public-playgrounds/>, "One of the key benefits of public playgrounds is the health and wellness benefits they provide. Playgrounds are a great place for kids and adults to get outside, breathe fresh air, and engage in physical activity." It is good to go to a playground because you get fresh air and energy out.

Having a play ground in the North End will make it easier to make new friends and meet new people. Playgrounds give children and adults a chance to make new friends and find more ways to get exercise out. And being a kid who lives in the north end it would definitely be amazing to be able to meet new friends and it is great for parents in the neighborhood not to worry about their children getting hurt far from home. I hope you will put a playground in the North End because it will be so much safer and more community-minded. And thank you for going out of your way to read this letter.

Sincerely

Ella Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ella Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

June 17, 2025

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Roberta J. Fasan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

Dear Town Council Members,

My name is Elle Emory and I am in the fifth grade class with Mrs. Bernardo. I would like to pass a bill to think about or even make a playground on the north side of Jamestown. Playgrounds are a great place to make new friends, come together as a community, and get fresh air and exercise. The town should build a playground on the north end.

The first example of why there would be a playground on the north end is because Playgrounds play an important role in the social and emotional development of children. From the source activeswv.org, the author wrote, "Playgrounds are a place where kids can make new friends, learn to work together, and develop important social skills. These skills are critical for success later in life, and having access to a free public playground provides children with the opportunity to develop these skills in a safe and supportive environment." A lot of kids live on the North end of the island and need someone to drive them to the playground in town. They wouldn't be able to have the opportunity to make friends or have a social interaction with a person.

Another example of why our town should have a playground on the north end is because of the health and wellness benefits they provide. From the source activeswv.org, the author wrote, "Playgrounds are a great place for kids and adults to get outside, breathe fresh air, and engage in physical activity. This is especially important in a state like West Virginia, where obesity and other negative health conditions are prevalent. By providing free access to public playgrounds, West Virginia is encouraging its residents to stay active and healthy, which in turn can help improve overall health and well-being in our communities." People on the north end can't get this because some people can't drive all the way into town to do this. Grown ups could just take a walk, but for kids they would rather have a playground to enjoy a nice day.

The last reason why the town should build a playground on the north end is because playgrounds can bring communities together. From the source activeswv.org, the author wrote, "...a gathering place for families and friends to come together and enjoy the outdoors. By providing a space where people can interact and connect, public playgrounds help to create a sense of community and bring people together." Because the north end doesn't have a playground, the people who live there don't get the opportunity to meet new people.

The town should build a community playground on the north end of Jamestown. Playgrounds are a great place for kids to make new friends, Come together as a community, and to get fresh air and exercise. As a kid living on the North end of Jamestown, I know how it feels to want a place to hangout and have fun. And when you think about how many kids live on the north end, a lot of them would probably feel the same way. And the parents of these kids would like to not have to drive all the way into town just for a playground. Thank you for taking time out of your way to read my letter and I hope you take my idea and reason into consideration to build a playground on the north end.

Sincerely,

Elle Emory

Jamestown, RI ,02835

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Roberta Fagan](#)
Cc: [Chief James Campbell](#); [Raymond DeFalco](#); [Edward Mello](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Head's Beach Dog Rule infractions
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 4:46:24 PM

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Hi Roberta,
 Could you please pass my letter to the Town Council? I don't have their email addresses.

Thank you

To: Jamestown Town Council, Town Administrator, Chief of Police and Recreation Director,

It was last year that I reached out to you all regarding an ongoing problem with dog owners violating the ordinance regarding dogs at Heads's Beach. In my letter to the Council, I mentioned my family's issues with dogs on Head's Beach and I vented my frustration. Here we are a year later and beach is over-run with dog owners violating the ordinance. Last year I mentioned my (now) 3 year old daughter's fear with dogs due to multiple incidents with off-leash dogs invading her personal space while she was sitting and playing on the beach. The dog issue at the beach has taken a toll on her. She is terrified of dogs, scared to go to Head's Beach and the sight of a dog, even leashed, now scares her. I'm writing again to ask for stronger measures to ensure the ordinance regarding dogs on the beach is being followed.

There is a general lack of understanding of the ordinance both on the public's part and the police department's part. The majority of the public who bring their dogs onto the beach walk right by the posted sign. There is confusion over the wording of the ordinance. We are asking the public to know where the middle Jetty is (which is covered by water completely at high tides and also assumes the public at-large knows what a jetty is) and delineate which way is north. The wording posted on the sign at Head's Beach is taken directly from the ordinance but may not be clear. I also feel some people are innocently misinterpreting the ordinance. Unfortunately, not all the infractions are innocent misunderstandings. We have some neighbors in the Shores who blatantly disregard the rules and use the beach as their own pet-potty.

The suggestion that was made to me last year was to call the police when I witnessed a dog infraction at the beach. So we did. Calling the police lead me to realize quickly that the dispatchers as well as some of the officers who responded did not understand the ordinance as it is written either. I have also witnessed multiple police patrols drive by the beach while dog owners, in violation of the ordinance were in plain sight. This morning I drove by the beach with a dog owner and their dog in violation of the ordinance and a police officer parked at the beach looking on. Why was the ordinance important enough for the town council to make but not important enough for the Police to enforce? Council Members, are you ok with police officers picking and choosing what town ordinances to enforce?

I believe we need some stronger enforcement measures at Head's Beach. Better signage may help. There are multiple ways to enter the beach and two signs that are not visible from every

entry point. More signage with more concise verbiage i.e. “no dogs beyond this point...” might help make people aware of the proper areas for dogs. Better policing of the beach would help make people aware and held accountable for violations of the ordinance. Patrolling the beach should be prioritized. Much of the beach is not visible from the road. Perhaps it’s time to start fining people who break the ordinance.

I know fines may seem extreme but there is a larger health issue here. People bring their dogs onto the beach and the result is people sunbathing, playing and swimming on a small stretch of beach where dogs are defecating and urinating. Dog feces can harbor viruses, parasites and harmful bacteria. I’ve mentioned in my previous email, it is very common to find dog poop on the beach and this year is no different. I noticed this year we installed new signs regarding the parking restrictions at Heads Beach. The new signs are numerous, easy to see and are very clearly posted. Why can’t we have clearer signage for the dog ordinance? The Police are diligent about checking and giving out fines for breaking the parking restrictions at the beach. Why are they not monitoring or enforcing the dog ordinance at the beach? We as a town regularly fine people for breaking ordinances, this issue deserves stronger measures.

The council decided to give dog owners a place to run their dogs. They designated the dates and times for those activities. It shouldn’t be in spite of the people the beach was intended to serve. What beaches are dog free? I would like to bring my daughter to the beach and not have her be fearful of a dog encounter. We had a dog encounter earlier this week at Mackerel Cove. Would an animal control officer help to manage the large dog population here on the island? Could it augment the Police Department’s ability to oversee a large dog population? With the council’s help, the Rec department and the Police department need to put resources into managing our public spaces better.

Head’s Beach is not a large space, combined with confusing signage and poor patrolling, it has become a space that is difficult for me and my family to enjoy. If we can’t help people use the beach properly maybe it’s time to revisit the beach as a multi-use dog-park/recreational swim beach. There is plenty of coastline on Jamestown with many access points to the water especially in the Shores. But, there are not many swim-able beaches for people to access and enjoy in the Shores.

One year later... The official swimming season has begun. I haven’t seen any change at Head’s Beach regarding dog ordinance violations. I have witnessed numerous dog owners and their pets violating the ordinance at Head’s Beach so far this year. I would estimate that of the dozen times I’ve been to the beach since May 16th, I have witnessed about 10 violations of the dog ordinance. The purpose of this letter is not to assign blame but to shed light on the problem. I am not looking to punish dog owners. I think the Council has put together a very generous compromise that allows dog owners and people access and enjoyment of our beach. The ordinances are in place but we have failed the town as a whole by allowing the infractions of the rules to go unchecked. My hope is that by emailing you all, Police Department, Rec Department and the Town Council, you all can work together to help manage Head’s Beach better so everyone can continue to enjoy the beach.

Attached are photos from our latest beach visit last week. All the photos were taken between the southern and middle jetty that is supposed to be for people to swim.



Christopher Olobri

[REDACTED]
Jamestown RI, 02835

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On Jun 17, 2024, at 12:19 PM, Christopher Olobri [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Chief Campbell and Council Members,
I appreciate your attention and understanding on the issue. I hope an increased police presence and focus on the rules around dogs at Head's Beach will help.

Thank you,

Christopher Olobri

[REDACTED]
Jamestown RI, 02835

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On Jun 17, 2024, at 10:54 AM, Chief James Campbell
<jpcampbell@jamestownri.net> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Olobri,

I apologize for the experiences you and your family, especially your daughter, have had at Heads Beach regarding dogs. While we conduct multiple checks daily, including having our Community Service Officers ensure compliance, there are clearly times when violations occur outside our presence. Please contact our station whenever you observe violations of the dog ordinance or any other laws.

Based on the video you sent, this dog and owner were clearly in violation of the ordinance, which I've attached below. Our goal is to remind and educate park visitors about the ordinance and potential violations. Please don't hesitate to contact the Jamestown Police Department if you witness a violation. We have informed our officers of this recent complaint and will do everything possible to ensure you and your family enjoy a relaxing visit to Heads Beach in the future.

We are working right this minute on issuing a reminder to the Jamestown community via Facebook to address the issues regarding dogs at Heads Beach. We will make it clear that there will be an increased presence due

to these blatant violations of the town ordinance. We hope that increased enforcement and spreading the word on social media will help resolve the problems at the beach. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to me anytime.

HEAD'S BEACH

Dogs may be off-leash at any time: From October 1st through May 15th
Dogs may be off-leash limited hours *only the portion of the beach north of the middle rock jetty:*

From May 16th through September 30th

6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. until sunset

Dogs are not permitted to be anywhere on the beach:

From May 16th through September 30th at all other hours outside the limited hours listed above

Sincerely,

Chief James P. Campbell

From: meagherjamestowntc@gmail.com

<meagherjamestowntc@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 7:47 PM

To: 'Christopher Olobri' [REDACTED]; Michael White

[REDACTED]; Michael White [REDACTED] Erik Brine

[REDACTED]; Roberta Fagan <rfagan@jamestownri.net>;

tim@jamestownpress.com

Cc: Raymond DeFalco <rdefalco@jamestownri.net>; Chief James

Campbell <jpcampbell@jamestownri.net>; Edward Mello

<emello@jamestownri.net>; 'Rachael Olobri' [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Head's Beach Dog Rule infractions

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Oh Mr Olobri, I am so sorry!! I am so sorry for the past two years of having to console your daughter. I was going to say I will send this to the town administrator and police chief but you have done this already, so I think the first step, making us all aware, has been taken and now we will be more attentive and forceful in enforcing these well considered rules. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I have included the

town clerk on this email. Your email will be on our next agenda and perhaps we might mention that summer rules are in force and perhaps the newspaper will mention it too. (I include them on this email too.) I hope your summer gets better. All the best, Mary Meagher

From: Christopher Olobri <colobri@icloud.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 7:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Raymond DeFalco <rdefalco@jamestownri.net>; jpcampbell@jamestownri.net; emello@jamestownri.net; Rachael Olobri [REDACTED] >

Subject: Head's Beach Dog Rule infractions

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing to you this late Father's Day afternoon feeling frustrated. I live in the Shores with my wife and 2 year old daughter. We frequent Head's Beach throughout the summer.

It's not uncommon to see us there daily for an after-work swim or quick dip. My frustration boiled over this afternoon when I confronted a father, daughter and pet dog who came onto the beach.

My daughter is at an age (2) where she is scared of animals, bugs etc. Dogs cause a particular fear in her as she has had more unwanted interactions with them while simply playing in at Head's beach. Take Jake, a very kind black lab who loves children, swimming and playing fetch, causes terror every time my daughter sees him. Unfortunately Jake is off his leash constantly and gets right up in the face of my daughter while she is sitting playing next to us on the beach. Jake's owner is a very kind man who reassures us from about 30 feet away that Jake is friendly, which is true. Meanwhile, my daughter is terrified, screaming and trying to climb up my physical body to escape the black lab that is 2-3 times her size. This story is not a one off. I know the dog by name because over the last two years we have had numerous run-ins with Jake, his owner, his owner and wife, his owner and grandson. Very nice family, could be our next door neighbor.

This is not a one-off event. We frequent Head's Beach almost daily for short swims and more often than not I find myself consoling my daughter because there is a dog south of the middle jetty. I reached out to the recreation director via email last year. At the time he referred me to call the police for dogs and owners not in compliance with the head's beach

ordinance.

This evening I reached my boiling point. As we were entering the beach at 430 pm, a woman pulled up, read the sign referring to the dog rules, mentioned to her kids that the dog wasn't supposed to be on the beach and proceeded to let the dog out, run around off leash and swim on the beach. (A video will be attached of her and her dog). About ten minutes later I confronted a father and daughter who came down to swim at the beach. Their dog was loose and chasing after the young girl as she ran onto the beach, leash trailing behind the dog. I asked him if he saw the sign about dogs on the beach. He said the dog was on a leash. I told him no dogs were allowed on the beach. We left shortly after. As we were getting into our car the gentleman and his daughter wandered back onto the grassy area of the beach. The first woman and her kids were also on the grassy part of the beach walking back to their car. At that moment a police officer drove by. I tried to get their attention by honking but they must not have heard me or noticed two sets of dogs on the beach.

My frustration is that there are signs that people either don't see, don't understand, or don't care to abide. I find myself trying to protect my daughter from other people's pets when all we want to do is enjoy the beach. Having lived here my entire life I have fond memories of swimming at Head's Beach. I want my daughter to enjoy the beautiful town she is being raised in. That is why I am reaching out to you all. I understand what the town is trying to accomplish by creating a dog friendly area at Head's Beach north of the middle jetty. The issue that I am experiencing is that no one is enforcing the rules for dogs at the beach. In-fact, I want you all to be aware that there is a blatant disregard by some dog owners. The pet owners not following the rules are truly disruptive for my family. My daughter has developed such a fear of dogs that when we are at the beach and she sees a dog, leashed or unleashed no matter the size or distance, she becomes terrified that the dog is going to approach her and get right in her face.

What is being done to enforce the rules at Head's Beach? I understand that the police should be enforcing the ordinance. What are the consequences for breaking the rules? How often are the police checking the beach? Or is it up to me to call the police every time a dog enters the beach? (which is almost every time we go to the beach). Am I reading the sign correctly that dogs should only be north of the middle jetty during the hours stated, meaning we should never be confronting dogs in the grassy area before the beach and

between the two jetties?

Thank you for your help on this matter,

MSL
21 Bay View Drive
Jamestown, RI 02835

June 15, 2025

Jamestown Town Council Members
Ed Mello, Jamestown Town Administrator
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

RE: June 16, 2023 Town Council Meeting Agenda

Dear Town Council Members and Town Administrator:

Unfortunately, I will be away and not able to attend the June 16, 2025 Town Council meeting. I do have several concerns that are listed as part of the meeting agenda that I would like to address and appreciate a response to:

- Please explain the purpose of a tour of the Conanicut Island Sanctuary as requested by Chris Powell
- The meeting agenda item requested by Councilor Mary Meagher for proposals for Landscape architect/architectural firms etc.....the scope of the Fort Getty project should be clearly defined and presented to taxpayers before any RFP's for this project are requested. Taxpayers have made it VERY clear as to their concerns regarding this property.
- The meeting agenda item requested by Councilor Brine to cover expenses related to security for RI Delegates etc. Why would Jamestown taxpayers be responsible for this issue at this point? If these delegates are in Jamestown for a public event or a non-profit, they should pay for any security issues as they have agreed to such commitment or the sponsor should pay for their security.

On another note, I was VERY disappointed in the way the June 2025 Financial Town Meeting was orchestrated. It was obvious this meeting did not proceed according to Robert's Rules of Order. It was an embarrassment that these procedures were not followed for a public meeting of its size and importance. I will be further researching the legality of the process that was taken.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and responding to my questions/concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Sanborn

Cc: Roberta Fagan, Jamestown Town Clerk

Roberta Fagan

From: Ramona Bessinger [REDACTED]
nt: Monday, June 16, 2025 6:58 AM
o: Roberta Fagan
Cc: ebrine@jamestownri.gov; mmeagher@jamestownri.gov; nbeye@jamestownri.gov;
mglackin@jamestownri.gov; Edward Mello
Subject: Please explain the following:

“ a landscape architect/architectural firm to work in coordination with the Fort Getty Ad Hoc Committee to gather information and produce schematic design proposals for Fort Getty.” Can you explain this further? I mean the expense to the taxpayer?

Mary M: **Later in the day the Affordable Housing Committee will meet and review the failure of their Bond request and plan their next steps. They will also discuss the old Ambulance Barn at 11 Knowles Court"** The "next steps" are the people said NO. We voted NO. Please direct me to your rationale explaining this. The audio once again is terrible from your meetings. How about spending some money on an audible recording system?

Eric B: **“cover the expense related to security/Jamestown Police detail(s) for Rhode Island delegation members when in town for non-profit and/or public events.”** Since when is the town responsible for your personal security detail? Has this been approved in the past?

One additional question

Why are you taking a tour of the Conanicut Sanctuary?

Please respond, I am a resident in this town, I pay taxes here and I would appreciate your rationale of the above.

Thank you,
Ramona

Roberta Fagan

From: Ramona Bessinger [REDACTED]
nt: Sunday, June 22, 2025 6:10 AM
To: ebrine@jamestownri.gov; Roberta Fagan
Cc: mmeagher@jamestownri.gov; mglackin@jamestownri.gov; mello@jamestownri.net; nbeye@jamestownri.gov
Subject: Security Detail for Eric Brine's political agenda and supporters?

Roberta, could you confirm that Eric receives this email? Is he still having difficulty with transparency and accountability and responding to concerns? Wondering.

Hi Eric,

1. Can you explain the scope and cost to town for your personal security requests related to events held by non-profit, Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project?
2. Should the TC create a policy allowing private security for political events, does that mean anyone holding controversial events can apply for a taxpayer funded security detail? Or are taxpayer funded security details exclusively for members of the democrat party? Any idea how much this will cost the town?

Truly,
Ramona Bessinger

From: [Ramona Bessinger](#)
To: ebrine@jamestownri.gov; [Roberta Fagan](#); [Edward Mello](#)
Cc: nbeve@jamestownri.gov; mglackin@jamestownri.gov; mmeagher@jamestownri.gov; eross@jamestownri.gov
Subject: Taxpayer funded Security Details...
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 10:43:17 AM

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Dear Eric,

The Jamestown Press reported your intentions to charge Jamestown taxpayers for your private democrat security details.

The event you cited is in need of taxpayer money to pay for police details.

As a Jamestown taxpayer, I prefer not to fund anything that supports American involvement in foreign wars, but you go ahead, and solicit those funds privately and kindly leave the taxpayer out of it.

As you know, I have a problem with the town council soliciting money from taxpayers for political events.

But, if you create a policy allowing for this, then I'd like to apply for a security detail for an upcoming public event related to K-12 education I am hosting at the Jamestown Public Library. Please understand, your policy should it pass will also apply to regular people like me or anyone who feels threatened by violent types like the ones I saw at the "No Kings' rally.

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- 1. I'm opposed to taxpayer funded police details for anyone, but...**
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Thank you in advance,
Ramona Bessinger

From: [Edward Ross](#)
To: [Ramona Bessinger](#)
Cc: [Roberta Fagan](#); [Mary Glackin](#); [Nancy Beye](#); [Mary Meagher](#); [Erik Brine](#); [Edward Mello](#)
Subject: Re: Taxpayer funded Security Details...
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 2:31:36 PM

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Hi Ramona,

You've asked about Senator Whitehouse's appearance in Jamestown and whether this appearance constitutes part of his official duties as a Senator from RI. I encouraged you to ask his office because Senator Whitehouse's staff keeps those records. I cannot comment on the nature of his visit.

To my knowledge, no Town dollars were spent providing security for the Senator.

As mentioned, I am not supportive of using tax payer money to pay for security when public officials visit Jamestown for political rallies, demonstrates, etc.

Eddie

Pardon typos & brevity
 Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2025, at 12:02 PM, Ramona Bessinger

████████████████████ wrote:

Please explain: **"I would encourage you to connect with Senator Whitehouse's office if you would like details on his official calendar and official duties"** I have not idea what you are suggesting here or why. And I will be forwarding this email along-

Additionally, so that my words are not too complicated for you and so you can better understand my question, I'll restate my concerns from earlier email: You made a statement that you will support taking tax dollars for **"our public officials" "public servants" performing "official state duties"**. As you made the statement, I am asking you to explain how if at all, Sheldon Whitehouse's appearance constitutes "official state duties" here on the island. I would also like you to explain how the Ukrainian War group represent **"official state duties"** as you and Eric Brine are going to ask for reimbursement.

Thanks!

On Sun, Jun 29, 2025 at 11:31 AM Edward Ross <eross@jamestownri.gov> wrote:

Hi Ramona,

I would encourage you to connect with Senator Whitehouse's office if you would like details on his official calendar and official duties.

As mentioned in my previous email, I am not supportive of using tax payer money to pay for security when public officials visit Jamestown for political rallies, demonstrates, etc. The Town will not be responsible for security related costs associated with the activities you reference in your email.

Have a good day.

Eddie

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On Jun 29, 2025, at 7:15 AM, Ramona Bessinger
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Ed,

You make it a point that you came here in 2018 to get involved in running the town. Let me remind you that I am a resident here, I raised all four of my children here, we have family that goes back to the turn of the century and I happen to love this island in spite of the radical, violent rallies your party holds.

I am going to be very clear with you. The town council works for the people not the Party.

There were over 500 townspeople at the last meeting furious at the lack of transparency, and fiduciary trickery, and so this security funding policy begs an explanation. Because what else are you funding?

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You have a fiduciary obligation to the taxpayers here and so no

matter what you use tax dollars for, the taxpayers have a right to know how you are spending the dollars. I am a taxpayer, you are the one spending tax dollars. Please explain.

On Sat, Jun 28, 2025 at 7:09 PM Ramona Bessinger

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Ed,

To be clear, you and your pro-war advocates can raise whatever funds necessary for your personal police details and political talks. Not the taxpayer's obligation to fund these events.

1. And finally, what "official duties" did Sheldon Whitehouse perform?
2. What "official" duties were performed by the pro-Ukrainian war talk?

Very truly,
Ramona

On Sat, Jun 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM Edward Ross

<eross@jamestownri.gov> wrote:

Hi Ramona,

Safety of our public officials - regardless of party - is a priority for me and I will be supporting measures that will ensure our public servants are protected appropriately as they complete official duties related to their office. To be clear, this does not include political activities or other partisan events (rally's etc). But, if there is a question about a public servant's safety while they visit Jamestown in an official capacity I'm open to covering that cost.

Sincerely,
Eddie Ross
Town Council

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Ramona Bessinger
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From: [Ramona Bessinger](#)
To: [Roberta Fagan](#); [Edward Mello](#); [Mary Meagher](#); [Edward Ross](#); [Erik Brine](#); [Mary Glackin](#); [Nancy Beye](#)
Subject: Meeting Audio and Video??
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:12:52 AM

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You have plenty of money for minor repairs and upkeep to equipment.

Although rather timely record keeping issues, seemingly around controversial subjects that concern the taxpayers. Making your meetings intentionally inaudible or viewable, or accountable is not going unnoticed.

1. There should be live video
2. Audio
3. Notes to refer to etc.
4. BTW, you cannot make anyone sign up in advance. We do NOT work for the town council. The TC is here to serve the residents.

Have a fabulous day!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Roberta Fagan](#); peter@rubroc.com; wyatt@rubroc.com; [Lisa Bryer](#); [Dean Wagner](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 16 Pennsylvania Avenue, and Lot 804, Question of Merger
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:16:26 PM
Attachments: [16 Pennsylvania Avenue.doc](#)

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Please see attached.

PETER M. COSEL

[REDACTED]
Jamestown RI 02835

401.847.0970 [REDACTED]

Peter M. Cosel
■ Pennsylvania Avenue
Jamestown RI 02835

June 24, 2025

The Honorable Jamestown RI Town Council
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown Rhode Island 02835

Dear Honorable Members of the Jamestown Town Council:

I reside at 26 Pennsylvania Avenue along with my partner, Sheila Reilly. Recently it came to our attention that the property located at 16 Pennsylvania Avenue has been listed for sale. Here follows the position of Sheila Reilly and myself that 16 Pennsylvania Avenue, further described as Tax Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 344 has merged with Lot 804.

In 1973, Joseph A. Stanlewicz, then title owner of the subject property, located in an R 20 zone, deeded to his daughter Bernice Walz a portion of his property (approx. 8,663 sf) which became Plat 8 Lot 804 as a result of his transfer.^{1 2} I submit this transfer was against that then zoning ordinance enacted in 1969. In 1969, the area in question was zoned R-20. The 1973 transfer of Joseph A. Stanlewicz created two substandard parcels. The 1969 ordinance further provided in Article IV, Section 5:

“... where no adjacent land is in the same ownership so as to form a larger land parcel, a lot smaller than the minimum dimensions and area required by this ordinance which was a lot of record on the effective date of this ordinance may be used for a single family dwelling. Accordingly, the improperly created Lot 804 should not qualify as a buildable lot.”

The importance of Article VI, Sec. 5 of the zoning ordinance cannot be over-emphasized; the clear intent of this section of the zoning ordinance is to alleviate the burden on the Town of substandard lots.³

In this case, there is no hardship involved to the seller of the property. 16 Pennsylvania Avenue has an existing house on a lot of approximately 16,653 sf. The contiguous lot, 804, has no structure on it and contains approximately 8663 sf. Our position is clear, these two parcels represent one lot in what is an R 20 zone and accordingly must be sold as a unit.

1. My email sent to Dennis Begin dated 5/22/25, should be disregarded as it incorrectly refers to “same ownership since prior to 2003, when Richard E. Walz, the owner of both said lots transferred ... into the Richard E. Walz Family Living Trust.”

2. In 1991 Mr. Walz deeded the other portion of his property, (approx.. 16,653 sf) designated as lot 344, to his two daughters, Bernice Walz and Arlene Fortier.

3. See *RJEP ASSOCIATES v. Hellewell et al.*, 560 A.2d 353 (1989).

We thank the Council for its attention to this matter. We are copying Town officials that have an interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Cosel
Via electronic mail only

cc:
Peter Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Wyatt Brochu, Assistant Town Solicitor
Dean Wagner, Zoning Board Chair
Lisa Bryer, Town Planner

Office of Town Clerk
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**Burrillville Town Council
Resolution No. 25-25
in opposition to
Senate Bill 2025 – S 0909 and House Bill 2025 – H 6273
Relating to Access to the Public Records Act (APRA)**

WHEREAS, the Access to Public Records Act (APRA) was enacted to promote transparency in government while balancing the need to protect personal privacy and maintain efficient public operations; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the existing APRA requirements is already burdensome and expensive, particularly for small towns and other public bodies with limited resources and strained budgets; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2025 – S 0909 and House Bill 2025 – H 6273 propose sweeping amendments to the APRA that increase the burdens and costs on public bodies, reduce protections for personal privacy, and do not meaningfully further the goal of government transparency; these changes include but are not limited to:

- Expanding disclosure of police reports not resulting in arrests;
- Requiring the release of final internal affairs reports;
- Mandating body-worn camera footage to be released within thirty (30) days;
- Removing protections for communications between elected officials and their constituents;
- Expanding the arrest record reporting window from five (5) to thirty (30) days;
- Releasing 911 call audio and related electronic transmissions;
- Reducing allowable copy fees and capping hourly retrieval and redaction costs;
- Proposing a procedure for dealing with “vexatious requests” that will not be helpful or effective; and
- Imposing increased civil fines on public officials; and

WHEREAS, the proposed language would increase the already substantial burden on small towns and public bodies with limited resources, undermine important personal privacy interests, chill communication between elected officials and their constituents, and disrupt essential public safety operations while providing little to no benefit in terms of increased government transparency; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns often respond to highly sensitive incidents, including those involving mental health crises, overdoses, domestic disputes, and juveniles, in which no arrest is made, and the mandatory release of reports or footage in these cases would risk exposing traumatic and private information while providing no benefits in terms of promoting government transparency; and

WHEREAS, the financial and operational impact of implementing these provisions, including broader search and redaction requirements, reduced cost recovery, and a mandated 30-day disclosure window for sensitive police body-worn camera footage, could strain already limited municipal resources and personnel, and would be unfair to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, most small towns and public bodies with limited resources do not have the technical expertise or capacity to timely and cost-effectively review and redact video and audio content; and

WHEREAS, the wholesale release of internal communications, internal affairs reports, 911 records, police reports that do not result in arrest, and communications between elected officials and their constituents will have a chilling effect on community engagement, deter emergency reporting, disrupt public safety operations, reduce the effectiveness of internal affairs investigations and erode the trust between residents and local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, increasing fines that can be assessed against public bodies with limited resources is unnecessarily punitive, unfair to taxpayers, and is not an effective way to encourage compliance; and

WHEREAS, the vexatious misuse of the APRA is, unfortunately, a common occurrence, and such conduct is unfair to public bodies and the taxpayers who support them, but the proposed language of Rhode Island General Law §38-2-17 is not helpful because its language is vague and imposes heavy-handed punitive measures against public bodies that file unsuccessful petitions; this will deter public bodies from defending themselves against vexatious conduct and will embolden those who would use the APRA in a vexatious manner; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are essentially an unfunded State mandate that will increase burdens and costs on small towns and public bodies with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, any amendments to the APRA should be considered carefully and in collaboration with the local governments, local officials, and public bodies that are most impacted by them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville opposes Senate Bill 2025 – S 0909 and House Bill 2025 – H 6273 and would ask the Legislature to reject these amendments in their entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils.

Adopted this 11th day of June 2025.

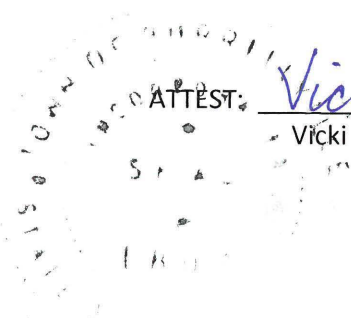


Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:



Vicki Martin, Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 5436 AND SENATE BILL 359**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the Rhode Island Constitution protect an individual's right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S.570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5436 and Senate Bill 359 that are being considered by the General Assembly would ban the sale of several semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and handguns in common competition and hunting usage and require the registration or confiscation and storage of these firearms if they are currently owned, and, further, make the Towns and Cities of Rhode Island, responsible for these costs; and

WHEREAS, these bills require a firearms registry even though 11 R.I.G.L. 47-41 prohibits the registration of firearms in Rhode Island;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED that the Smithfield Town Council opposes these bills as they are impractical in both application and enforcement; and

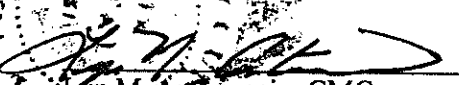
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, State Senators, State Representatives, the Governor and the Lt. Governor respectfully requesting their support.

PASSED: June 3, 2025

APPROVED:



John J. Tassoni, Jr.
Council President



Lynn M. Antonuccio, CMC
Town Clerk

