

# Public hearing set on Cedar Lane subdivision

By Michaela Kennedy

The Planning Commission met last week to continue preliminary review of the Cedar Lane nine-lot subdivision.

The commission told applicant Joseph Manning that the plan was ready for review and scheduled a public hearing on April 5.

Acting Planning Commission Chairman Victor Calabretta said the March 1 preliminary review for the Cedar Lane development plan was "to make sure everything is in order for a public hearing."

John Murphy, the attorney representing the Mannings, noted that the checklist for the plan was complete. Murphy also noted that he had submitted a conservation easement form, as required by the town.

Commissioner Richard Ventrone complimented the team on a good plan. "It's a pleasure looking over these. It's very well done," Ventrone said, noting his disappointment that a sprinkler system was included in the plan. "There's enough land there that people could just tend to keep adding more and

more grass. If they don't have water, then they won't be putting in super-duper fertilizer," he added.

George Gifford, landscape architect for the project, spoke in support of a sprinkler system. "My concern would be definitively that use of an automatic sprinkler system is going to be a more efficient watering system," he said.

Hubbard admitted that the underground automatic sprinklers were nice, but often had technical problems.

After some discussion of watering and landscaping, the commission decided to amend the appendix of landscaping rules to not allow sprinklers.

John Murphy suggested putting a restriction on the owners' by establishing laws that would allow only cistern water to be used for watering. "Cisterns are great. Everyone in Jamestown should have one," he added.

In correspondence, the commission received a letter from Joseph Palumbo, the attorney representing the subdivision application of

Michael Dutton, requesting that the application be on the agenda for March 1, the same evening. The board also received a letter from Robert Cournoyer, engineer for the development plan, explaining why the land, at the far north end of island, was not practically suited for a cluster development. "I believe a normal cluster development would not be feasible for this site," he wrote.

Dutton and Palumbo went to the meeting last week to find out why they were not put on the agenda. Palumbo told the board that the Duttons got a letter from the town planner saying that she would not put the application on the agenda until a cluster development plan was filed as required by the ordinance. "Commissioner Hubbard asked that we do our best to come up with a cluster. I think we've gone full circle. We want to proceed with the plan submitted," Palumbo said.

Commissioner Richard Ventrone showed surprise that the board did not receive a cluster plan. "We asked for the plan and we'd like to see it," he said. Palumbo replied, "How can we provide you with a cluster plan if our engineer says it's not feasible?"

Hubbard said she looked over the plan and thought the applicant "could still set aside over 40 percent for open space."

Palumbo agreed with Hubbard, but added, "We're in a situation where we've been told we need to submit a cluster plan. We cannot do that. We've submitted a plan and we want to be heard on that plan."

Calabretta confirmed with the town planner that the Dutton application would be on the next agenda.

## Fire and EMS Runs

### Fire runs

2:30 p.m., Feb. 27, Car 3 and Engine 2 were sent to Ferry Wharf for a faulty smoke detector.

10:15 a.m., Feb. 28, the fire marshal went to America Way to investigate a potentially hazardous situation.

10:33 a.m., Feb. 28, Unit 10 and Engine 3 were sent to America Way to assist the state bomb squad.

7:47 p.m., Feb. 28, Engine 2 was dispatched to Howland Avenue for a gas leak.

9:44 p.m., Feb. 28, Car 3 and Engine 2 went to Columbia Lane for a faulty smoke detector.

9:42 a.m., March 1, Car 3 and Engine 2 were sent to Ferry Wharf for a smoke detector activation.

7:36 p.m., March 1, Engine 2 went to West Street for a faulty smoke detector.

4:47 a.m., March 4, Car 1, Unit 10 and Engine 3 were dispatched to Harbour Street to

investigate an odor of smoke.

### EMS runs

10:37 a.m., Feb. 28, Unit 10 went to America Way to standby for the fire department.

6:59 p.m., Feb. 28, Unit 11 was dispatched to High Street to stand by for the fire department.

9:48 p.m., Feb. 28, Unit 10 was sent to America Way to stand by for the fire department.

4:25 p.m., March 2, Unit 10 went to Bayview Drive for a person with a medical condition.

4:45 p.m., March 4, Unit 10 was sent to Harbor Street to stand by for the fire department.

10:06 a.m., March 4, Unit 10 was dispatched to Seaside Drive for a person who was taken to South County Hospital.

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TO:

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dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits  
30 Southwest Avenue

**NEW LICENSE:**

Varsha, Inc.  
dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits  
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The above applications will be in order for hearing at a meeting of said Licensing Board on **MONDAY, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm** at the Jamestown Library, 26 North Road, in said Jamestown, at which time and place all remonstrants may make their objections against granting these licenses.

By Order of the Town Council

Arlene D. Petit  
Town Clerk

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