



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held to receive comments on the Preliminary Plan for the Manning Major Subdivision, Upland Farm, on Wednesday April 5, 2006 at a meeting of the Jamestown Planning Commission beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Main Road.

The Manning Subdivision is a proposed major subdivision consisting of 9 lots in a cluster configuration, a private street and no requested waivers or variances. The project is comprised of Tax Assessors Plat 5 Lot 414 and located on the north side of Cedar Lane 2/10 to 3/10 of a mile (1300+ feet) west of the intersection with North Road.

Interested parties may examine the plans for the proposed Subdivision at the Jamestown Planning Office, 22 West Street (behind the Town Hall) Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

The proposed Subdivision may be revised by the Planning Commission as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the Preliminary Hearing.

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

It's time to start thinking about starting the seeds for your garden vegetables and flowers.

The last frost date around here is May 1st, and you should figure on starting your seeds about 6 to 8 weeks before that. That said, there are some seeds that you might want to start earlier. Seeds such as some peppers and egg-plants, impatiens, primula, and other slow to germinate seeds can be started early, but make sure you have a place to put them.

The perennial flowers that you buy in stores in spring are usually started in greenhouses late last year to give them time to grow large and come into bloom ready for you to buy. For that reason professional growers buy their seed in August and September when home gardeners are thinking about making their flowers last through the fall.

Your annual flowers can be started a little early, too, but remember that you will need a place to put them as they grow larger. Also as they grow larger, you'll need to pot them up into three or 4-inch pots, which require a lot more space than does a simple seed flat.

Now is the time to make sure



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that:

- All your seeds are ordered or purchased.
- Your seed flats are clean.
- You have a good supply of potting soil.
- Your germination chamber with its fluorescent lights are all in working order. Remember that fluorescent lights gradually fade, and you may want to replace old tubes. Then you'll be ready to start your seeds.

While you are waiting for your seeds there's lots to do outdoors if you want to brave the winter chill. Any time between now and when sap starts to flow you can prune trees and shrubs. I like to start early to get a jump on it, and with almost 20 fruit trees on the property, the job takes awhile. Take a look at each tree while they have no leaves. Look to see where branches cross over each other. One of the crossover branches should be pruned out. If they are left to rub on each other eventually one will be so weak that it will break or rot will get into it. Prune out the water shoots — that is, the vertical shoots that tend to grow up the middle of the tree. If you leave them, the middle of the tree will become crowded and not enough light will get in.

When pruning, never prune more than 20 to 25 percent of the tree away. If you have to do more than 25 percent, wait until next season to do the rest. One shrub you should not prune now are rhodo-

dendrons. If you prune now, you will remove flower buds. Wait until after rhododendrons have flowered before pruning.

If you have fruit trees first look at the shape of them. They should look like an upturned hand, the middle is open like your palm, with branches, your fingers, radiating from the central trunk, your wrist. This shape allows plenty of light into the middle of the tree and helps to keep the branches strong.

Soft fruit can also be pruned any time from now until bud break. Raspberries should have all of last year's old canes pruned out. The old canes look silvery gray, while new canes are a solid brown. I cut new canes to about 4 feet high. This encourages new growth at the top of the cane and gives more raspberries when they come into season. Prune red currant bushes differently than black currant bushes. Red currants should have new shoots cut back between 4 and 6 inches. Crossing shoots should be pruned away, and low branches, which allow fruit to droop on the ground, should be pruned.

For black currants, prune out any 2-year-old or older branches. They may carry some fruit, but the production will be way down, and you are best off removing it down to ground level. Gooseberries are prickly and should be pruned carefully while wearing heavy gloves. Prune out old growth to shape the bush. If your bushes get gooseberry mildew, you might want to leave the pruning until summer.

Once the trees and shrubs are pruned, I like to hit them with an organic dormant-oil spray to kill off over-wintering insects ready for a quick start in spring. Spray on a day with temperatures over 50 degrees.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

The following is intended to amend Section 22 of the Jamestown Code of Ordinance. A public hearing to solicit public input is scheduled on **Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** in the large conference room of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Jamestown is hereby amended by adding the following new Article v thereto.

Article V. Agriculture Division 1. Notification to Farmers

Section 9-320 - Notice Required

Notification of matters subject to notification shall be given to farmers as required by Chapter 23.1 of Title 2 of the Rhode Island Laws, as amended from time to time.

Section 9-321 – Officials Responsible

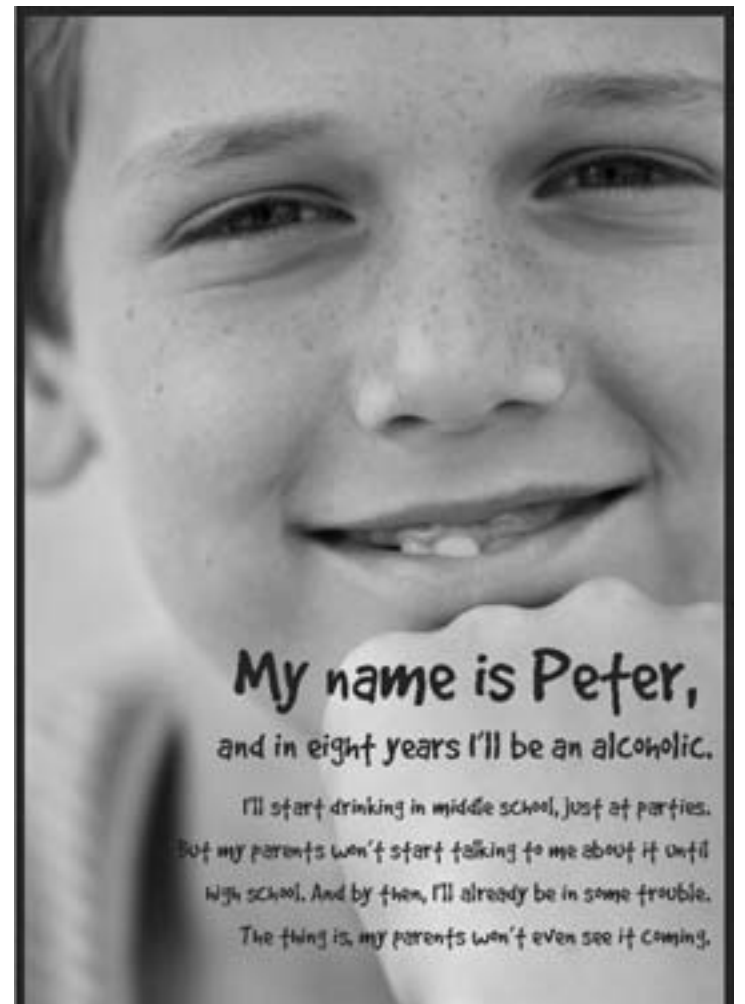
The following officials are hereby designated to provide the notification required by Section 2-23.1- 4 of the Rhode Island General Laws and to receive requests for work sessions in accordance with Section 2-23.1-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws:

Subject matter	Responsible Town Official
Changes of the zoning and/or permitted uses of land used for farming	Town Planner
Designation or amendment of the designation Of designation of land used for farming in the comprehensive plan or land use ordinances	Town Planner
Changes in the manner of taxation of real and personal property used for farming	Assessor
Regulation of water use for farming purposes	Director of Public Works
Control of noise and hours of operation of machinery and equipment used in farming	Town Clerk

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue during normal business hours. The proposed Ordinance may be 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 hearing.

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