

# Barn

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Citing the proposed location's proximity to the town's waste water treatment plant and central location, Pease said that the Taylor Point property makes economic sense for the town. He also stressed the need to relocate Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel from the current Ft. Getty facility as quickly as possible. At just six feet above sea level, Pease expressed concern that the current facility puts DPW workers and equipment at risk from a natural disaster.

As a long time island resident, Pease also reminisced about the changes to Taylor's Point – "known to old-timers as Potter's Point," he

said. "No one misses Potter's Point more than I," Pease said. However, he also recognized the centrality of the old "Potter's Point."

Pease, an abutter to the town's property on Southwest Avenue, also went on record saying that he would not object to locating the barn facility at that site should a new plan need to be drawn up if the referendum were voted down.

Saying the "environmental concerns are very real" Pease also invoked the advice of an expert offered during the town's legal battle which he presided over as council president. "Let that sleeping dog lie," Pease said.

Another former council president, Guy Settipane agreed.

Settipane, who presided over the council in 2002 when a plan

to site the barn at Lower Taylor Point was rejected by voters, also supports the decision of the current council.

"I'm very much in favor of the council's selection," Settipane said. "Tell me what's wrong with it?"

Settipane listed several reasons for his support of the Taylor Point proposal. From cost effectiveness to the minimal environmental and neighborhood impact the Taylor Point property presents, Settipane said that while there is a group of residents who believe that a north end facility would be acceptable, "no one can guarantee that disturbing the site won't disturb toxins."

Echoing the sentiments of his predecessor, Settipane also expressed his concern for the work-

ing conditions faced by the town's DPW workers.

"This facility is long overdue given the standard working conditions DPW personnel have been subjected to over the past 20 years," Settipane said.

"This option is a great, great option to take advantage of," Settipane said, adding, "(it) makes a heck of a lot of sense."

Former councilor Mark Liberati agreed, however he said that he supports the Taylor Point property based on economics rather than environmental concerns.

"I think a location in town is preferable simply from the point of view of the amount of highway time it would save," Liberati said. Provided that the costs are not prohibitive, Liberati foresaw no reason why he would vote against the proposal.

Calling claims that a facility at the town's transfer station could lead to groundwater contamination as a "red herring," Liberati dismissed environmental concerns

raised by North End opponents.

"Frankly, I don't understand the environmental concerns (over Lot 47)," Liberati said. Still, Liberati was supportive of the council's decision and was eager to see the matter resolved.

Bruce McIntyre, who sat on the original town barn committee, also agreed that it was time to move forward with the project.

"Time is money in the construction world," McIntyre said. According to McIntyre, the debate over the highway barn represents a "protracted and relatively sad chapter in Jamestown history."

"Residents need to come together and build the barn," he concluded.

Several other former council members were sought out, but were not available at the time of publication.

Island residents will be able to decide for themselves if they agree with their former councilors on Aug. 28 when the polls open.

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# Ticks

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tick-bite prevention research and outreach in the state. He pointed out, however, the money was from federal funds, and the state has not supported the fight against tick-borne diseases. He encouraged the audience to contact state representatives or the governor "to complain that we have not made this more of a priority."

Kennedy also noted that he has personal friends who are laid up from the disease. "Unfortunately,


this is not a big deal on the national level, but it definitely is a big issue locally," he said.

After the presentation, a woman who remained anonymous admitted that a tick was found in her vagina during a routine medical checkup. "I was shocked. At first my doctor thought it was a polyp," she said.

According to information provided by Brown University, Lyme disease causes functional, chemical, and structural changes to the brain and alters almost every organ system of the body. In 1975, Lyme disease was classified as a new disease in response to about 50 cases of pediatric arthritis in the town of Lyme, Conn. Deer ticks transmit the agents causing Lyme disease, babesiosis and anaplasmosis.

The URI Center for Vector-Borne Disease provides information on effective strategies for protecting themselves, their yards, and their pets at its Web site, [www.tickcounter.org](http://www.tickcounter.org)

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