



Ronnie, the Paws & Claws Mascot

Tired of the DOG DAYS of Highway Barn Politics?

Thinking of voting for the Blah Blah Blah Site for the Highway Barn?

WE'LL THINK AGAIN!

Is this what our community has turned into?

As the one **who first went** to the RI Bridge and Turnpike Authority, **in late 2005** to discuss the placement of Jamestown's DPW Facility on part Bridge and Turnpike property and part Town property, I am deeply saddened by the response of some voters to this new and safe site. I have spent most of my adult life working in the field with municipal and industrial hazardous waste sites; and not as a suit clad paper pusher. The Primary Rule among most of us old timers is **NEVER, EVER,** build anything on or next to a landfill site unless there is no where else to go. After working on the closings of the Navy and Municipal landfills at Allens Harbor in North Kingstown, and McCallister Point and Sachuset Point in Middletown, my feelings are even stronger. To those who say this is irrelevant, there has never been Navy waste brought to Jamestown — Let's not forget the Jamestown house sold in the late 1980's, where the new owners were shocked to find chemical waste stocked in their barn from the previous owner, a Navy base employee.

Other serious reasons the Bridge and Turnpike/Town Site should become the DPW Site:

- Our Chiefs of Police and Fire, as well as the head of the RI Emergency Management Agency, all want the DPW facility to be located **NEXT to the Police station**. If Jamestown becomes an emergency management area from a hurricane, snowstorm, or other tragic event, the residents need unobstructed movement to the DPW employees and their equipment. Although North Road and East Shore Road are both lovely tree lined roads, the chances of a fallen tree or downed electrical lines from a major weather event would delay rescue and cleanup efforts. This happened as recently as August 5.
- DEM will not allow salt or sand mix storage at Lot 47. Locating the DPW Facility at the Bridge and Turnpike/Town Site will consolidate the equipment with the materials and prevent a split facility. And, all of our new equipment will finally be stored in-doors and our workers will finally have a modern, clean place to work.
- Water and sewer service at the Bridge and Turnpike/Town site. Placement of the DPW facility on Lot 47 would require the installation of a well and septic system. Water usage would be limited to a maximum of 200 gallons per day, preventing the inclusion of a shower room for the workers. Water limitation also restricts Lot 47 and the abutting lots from being used for affordable housing.
- State Regulatory approvals are required to use the landfill for access to Lot 47. There is no way to predict the time, cost, or even the certainty of obtaining the necessary DEM permits.
- The option to use Summit Avenue to reach Lot 47 requires widening and paving and unknown solutions to drainage control in addition to major neighborhood impacts. The bottom line is uncertain costs and delays.
- If the Bridge and Turnpike/Town Site is not selected, this **DOES NOT** mean that Lot 47 is the winner. The town council will have to re-visit the entire issue to gain the necessary State and municipal regulatory approvals. That will take time and the outcome is **NOT A CERTAIN WIN** for Lot 47.

August 18, 2007 — Fools' Rule Regatta

Let's stop fighting and bring our town back to the way it should be. A wonderful, safe and fun place to live.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON AUGUST 28th TO PLACE THE DPW FACILITY AT THE BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE/TOWN SITE.

THEN LET'S GATHER TOGETHER AND WORK TO PRESERVE OUR FARMS!

