

# Meet the candidates for Jamestown town council

*Editor's note: All of the candidates for Jamestown Town Council were invited by the Press to submit a 250 word statement giving some biographical information and to share their concerns and plans for the next council term. In order to allocate the same amount of space to each, some statements were edited to meet the maximum length requirement. Here, the candidates are presented in alphabetical order.*

## David DeAngelis-Republican



I am a single, 39-year-old father of three children who attend the Melrose school. As a single parent who has lived in Jamestown for the last eight years, I believe I can be an authentic voice for Jamestown and their families.

I have a track record as an effective budget manager that was first established in Cranston, when that community faced critical fiscal problems. I cut costs, trimmed budgets, exposed flaws in contracts, and implemented innovative fiscally-sound measures. I now work as a health benefits specialist.

I am proposing a super EZ-Pass for the Newport Bridge for Jamestown residents as my central campaign platform. Jamestown should get a discounted toll rate for two key reasons: as the host community we provide emergency personnel and roadway management services, our frequent/daily use of the bridge sets us apart from tourists and other users. For a flat rate fee, a multi-use EZPass would be incorporated with the town beach and transfer station stickers into one pass. Revenue generated should be earmarked for youth programs and senior services.

The next council must do a better job managing the village water supply. Island businesses are presently the victims of an unfair and misguided approach that is penalizing businesses for their water consumption.

An overhaul is needed to council-appointed committees so that timely and accountable decisions are issued.

## Julio DiGiando-Democrat



I will turn 60 in December. I retired from the Warwick Public Schools in 2001 and since then I have been an instructor in mathematics at New England Institute of Technology. I am a 1970 graduate of Bates College, with a degree in history, and received a master's from Rhode Island College in special education. I have two children, Nicholas, 29, and Dana, 26. I have lived in Jamestown for 34 years. I spent five years on the Jamestown School Committee, and have been a member of the Jamestown Town Council for nearly five years. I have lengthy experience within the community volunteering time to the schools, the youth sports associations, and the Jamestown Yacht Club.

The challenges for the next council are multifold. It is most important that we spend time discussing, and implementing policies that will effectively manage our island's growth. As we move forward, we need to have a program that will maintain our infrastructure island wide. Thirdly, we must continue our efforts to guarantee the community a water system that is pure, adequate for our needs, and hopefully more cost effective on the municipal side. We will need to continue our efforts to provide both affordable housing and preservation of open space.

I believe that I have demonstrated over the years, many attributes that make an effective leader. I am a good listener, am able to identify issues that pertain to the problem at hand, and am able to see a course of action that will lead to a resolution of the problem.

## Fred Glomb-Republican



I have lived in Jamestown since the mid 1990s with my wife Christine Ferguson, who grew up in Jamestown, and our son,

Greg, who attended Melrose and Lawn Schools, and is currently a sophomore at Providence Country Day. Our whole extended family—representing three generations—lives on the Island.

The critical nature of the issues our community faces in the coming years has compelled me to run for office for the first time in my life. In the decade since I have made Jamestown my permanent home, I have witnessed tremendous evolution. The cost of housing has risen exponentially. The demands on the infrastructure of the town such as water, sewer and roads continue to increase.

The next town council is going to face a series of challenging issues. The evolution of downtown and the waterfront; water and sewer issues, affordable housing, the growing incidence of Lyme disease and property taxes that are affecting the ability of our seniors

to remain in their homes.

Jamestown needs balance and thoughtful analysis as we move forward. I have a long career in business and government consulting to help provide guidance and oversee the town administration. I have the skills necessary to quickly decipher the most important aspect of problems and then work creatively to develop solutions.

I am a business consultant and a small businessman overseeing the family business, Ferguson Animal Hospital in North Providence. I began my career working as a financial and business analyst for EDS and Booz\*Allen & Hamilton in Washington D.C.

## William Kelly-Democrat



I am 68 years old with 45 years of professional experience, a bachelor's degree from the University of Scranton and a master's in administration from Fordham University. I have served on the Jamestown Town Council for one term.

I spent 15 years in education, including as an administrator for federally funded special education. Candidates continued on next page

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## Water & Sewer Rate Increases

**We can't afford to wait for the next shoe to drop!**

Double digit increases in user rates have just begun and will continue for years to come. Additional burdens to our Town Budget will be in Water and Sewer bills from our schools and municipal buildings which now run \$33,000 a year.

The \$65,000 annual Fire Protection fee (formally called a Hydrant Rental fee), that we all pay for, will balloon to \$150,000 in just four years.

Combined user rates and budget increases have the potential to ruin our village by forcing out low to moderate income families and small businesses.

Yet, a large percentage of the sewer lines are still not repaired. They continue to pollute the village groundwater and allow rainwater infiltration that overburdens our newly renovated sewer treatment plant.



When elected, I will move that the Water and Sewer Board include a Facilities Task Force made up of rate payers.

Their primary charge will be to fully scrutinize and disclose the 20 year impact of a \$12,000,000+ debt and to seek out emergency grants and programs to minimize the economic burdens to our community and finish the job.

I won't wait for the next shoe to drop!

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