

# Fernwood unanimously denied by zoning board

By Sam Bari

Fernwood Building Company's request for a variance to construct a mixed-use residential and business building on a property at 27 Luther St. was unanimously denied at the Sept. 25 meeting of the Zoning Board of Review. The application was strongly opposed by abutters and neighbors at the August meeting of the board. Some could not be present at that meeting.

Chairman Thomas Ginnerty

said at the August meeting that opposing parties had a right to present their concerns and the board members agreed. The panel voted to grant a continuance on the matter to the Sept. 25 meeting, which began an hour earlier than usual so opposing parties could be heard. More than ten people attended to oppose the application. The board also received 15 letters of opposition from those who could not attend. The board agreed with the

concerns of the opposition and denied the application.

In another matter, the board voted 4-1 to approve Beth Smith's second application for a special use permit to build a single-family house at 86 Orient Ave. Chairman Ginnerty gave the dissenting vote because he felt the case should go back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation since the original request was denied by the board last June.

Town Planner Lisa Bryer approved the application and said it wasn't necessary for Smith to present to the entire commission because the plans met all the criteria for approval. Providence architect Chris Tuck, who designed the house, eliminated all sections of the original plan that required variances for setback.

Vice-Chairman Don Wineberg agreed with Bryer that the case could move forward as did the remainder of the board. Smith was represented by Jamestown Attorney John A. Murphy.

The board unanimously approved Conanicut Marine Services and owner Bill Munger's request to modify an existing special use permit for the Taylor Point Boatyard facility on Conanicus Avenue. Board members agreed that the application to build a facility for washing boats that used rainwater collected in an existing cistern and recycled the wash water was an

environmentally sound decision. The system also collects any contaminants from the wash water and eliminates the chance of chemicals, metals, or any other pollutants entering the groundwater and contaminating the ecosystem.

The application required the equipment for the system to be stored in an 8- by 10-foot shed attached to the east wall of an existing shed and an upgrade of electrical service from 100 amps to 200 amps. A concrete wash water collection pad, approximately 40- by 80-feet, and a 20- by 85-foot storage shed would also be built. Robert Lewis from Oil Trap Environmental, the manufacturers of the boat wash system, assisted attorney John A. Murphy and Bill Munger in the presentation to the board.

Jacqueline and Anthony Lamposana's request for a special use permit to construct a new single-family residence at 15 Bark Ave. was unanimously approved by the board. The applicant intends to replace an existing structure, that is not in compliance with current zoning codes, with a new building and septic system that is in compliance with all building codes. The applicant came to the zoning board with a Planning Commission recommendation for approval. Mary Meagher, a Jamestown architectural designer drew the plans and assisted Attorney Mark Liberati,

who represented the Lamposanas in the presentation.

Windridge Properties request for a special use permit and appeal to the Zoning Board of Review sitting as the Planning Board of Appeal was continued until the October meeting of the board.

Allan and Nancy Randall's request for a special use permit, Peter Johnstone's request for a variance, the Clancy's reconsideration case, and Patricia Ouimette's request for variances were also continued until next month.

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## Democrat to top Nov. 6 ballot

Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis announced Monday where the candidates for several of Jamestown municipal offices will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Mollis invited the public to attend the Sept. 28 ballot lottery to decide party ballot placement.

"I campaigned for this office on a pledge to make government more transparent. There is nothing that will give voters more faith in the fairness of their elections than the opportunity to see for themselves how the process unfolds," said Mollis.

As a result of the lottery, a

Democrat will be listed first on the ballot in the races for town moderator, school committee and town council. According to the town of Jamestown's practice, the names of Democratic candidates will alternate with those of Republican candidates until every candidate for a particular office has been listed.

Rhode Island's general laws give the Secretary of State the authority to set the calendar and hold lotteries to determine ballot placement for special primary elections and special elections under certain circumstances.

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The Jamestown Classic 32nd Annual Road Race on Monday, October 8th, is guaranteed to produce hungry participants and spectators. Purchase one of our "Round the Island" sandwiches to satisfy your appetite this weekend and Spinnakers will donate a portion of the sale to The Jamestown Rotary Club to help support Jamestown Community Projects.

Please note our new fall closing times for this week, beginning Friday, October 5th.

**VOTE FOR BARBARA FOR TOWN COUNCIL**



Most of us know **her** by this face. But, besides having spent the last eight years caring for and saving Jamestown's animals, **Barbara Szepatowski** has been doing other things.

Did you know **she** spent the last two and a half years fighting for a place for our "teens" to meet, work on civic projects to help the community, and have fun in a safe, monitored environment?

Did you know **she** spent this spring and summer training to become one of the Red Cross's volunteer emergency shelter managers for Jamestown?

Did you know **she** spent the last two years working to ensure that the baseball and soccer fields were rebuilt so our kids have a safe place to enjoy sports?


Did you know **she** is an active and participating member of the Jamestown Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force?


Did you know **she** spent the last two years working on a juvenile hearing board for Jamestown's children?

Did you know **she** has never allowed politics to keep **her** from working hard with other members of the Town Council, our Town employees, and our residents?

Please vote to re-elect **Barbara Szepatowski** for Town Council. **She** listens and knows how to work with everyone.

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