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## Long warns against container port revival

By Tom Shevlin

"It's back." That's the word from State Representative Bruce Long (R - Jamestown, Middletown), who reported at Monday's town council meeting that efforts to construct a container port at Quonset Point have recently been resurrected by the leadership in the General Assembly.

Long, who has been a venerable and vocal opponent of efforts to build a container port at Quonset, referenced comments made recently in the media by House Speaker William Murphy (D - West Warwick, Coventry).

In other matters, Long said that he was pleased to learn of National Grid's recent decision to abandon plans to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Providence. However, Long, who was among several elected officials to express written opposition to a Providence LNG terminal, urged continued vigilance against transporting

LNG through Narragansett Bay as Weavers Cove Energy continues to press their bid to construct an LNG terminal in Fall River.

### Town holds off on Procaccianti support

Town Councilors have deferred voicing their support involving a dispute between the owners of a property on Beavertail Road and the Coastal Resources Management Commission (CRMC).

The Procaccianti Group, a Cranston-based real estate development firm, who own Plot 12, Lot 41, had violated state regulations when they clear cut vegetation within 200 feet of the coastal buffer zone.

Town officials had considered sending a letter of support on behalf of the Procacciantis due to their stated intent to use the land for agricultural purposes, however, deferred further action at Monday's council meeting since the

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## Council approves \$15k for wind energy study

By Tom Shevlin

Town Councilors on Monday unanimously approved the allocation of \$15,000 to fund a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a wind turbine on the island.

However, the vote did not come without debate. Town Council Vice President Julio DiGiando, who has been a supporter of the wind energy committee in the past, expressed initial reservations over funding the study without knowing the extent and availability of additional outside funding.

"I feel like I'm in the dark, and I'm not comfortable with that," DiGiando said. Jamestown Wind Energy Committee Co-Chairman Robert Bowen sought to ease councilors' reservations by saying

that the committee was seeking funding in order to "turn the lights on to inform your judgment."

Members of the Jamestown Wind Energy Committee had previously requested a total of \$50,000 in funding in order to hire third-party consultants to navigate the town through the site selection, economic analysis, and initial project design process. The town previously had agreed to allocate \$10,000 towards the study, bringing its total commitment to \$25,000.

The funds will be allocated from the town's incidental fund, which currently stands at \$46,756.50.

Councilor William Kelly also endeavored to determine what the town would get for its over-

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### And they're off

Professional bike racers got off to a rainy start at Monday's annual Jamestown Classic, sponsored by the Jamestown Rotary Club. See the story on page 16. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

## Jamestown design charrette begins Monday

A charrette is used as a collaborative public planning process, harnessing the talents and energies of all interested parties in order to create and support a buildable plan.

Starting Monday, Oct. 15, and continuing all next week, Jamestown will be holding such a charrette focused on the future of the village. This planning and design process has the primary goal of producing tools for the implementation of the town's Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan. The principle tool will be an update of the Commercial, R-8 and R-20 zoning districts.

Several other documents, such as Design Guidelines and an Architectural Pattern Book, will be created to further guide future construction in the Village. These tools are intended to ensure that the character and tradition of the Village is respected.

It is essential that all residents be heard during this process. The charrette team wants to know your hopes and concerns for the future.

The schedule of events is as follows:

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### The crew at Jack's Electric celebrates 25 years

At rear, from left, Jack Brittain, Mike Cozzens, Mike Jorge, and Brian Gallo. In front are Mary Brittain, Julie Swistak, Jay Brittain, and John Bellion.

Photo by Sam Bari

## Turning on the community for 25 years

By Sam Bari

Jack's Electric is celebrating 25 years of keeping the community plugged in, turned on, and connected to the national grid. After working two jobs for eight years, Jack Brittain founded Jack's Electric with wife, Mary, in 1982.

Now, the family-owned business has five licensed electricians and one apprentice. Collectively, they offer more than 100 years of experience in the trade. Mary runs the office with recently married daughter, Julie Swistak, and the crew of eight comprises one of the most successful electrical contracting companies in the state.

"I've been involved in the electrical

trade for 38 years," Brittain said. "Thirty-two have been in Jamestown, and it's been very rewarding," he added. "I have the privilege of having two of the most experienced and knowledgeable electricians in the state working for the company. Mike Cozzens has been an electrician for 30 years and John Bellion has been practicing the trade for even longer than 30 years. Along with my son, Jay, Mike Jorge, and Brian Gallo, I couldn't ask for a better crew."

Working as much as 18 hours a day in the electrical business isn't all that Brittain has done since he has lived in Jamestown. He joined the volunteer fire department in 1975

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