

Candidates

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"I think I understand all of the major issues and a lot of the minor issues." One of those issues is the town budget. While Rebecchi acknowledges he is "a little concerned over compounded spending," he has confidence in Town Administrator Bruce Keiser. "I'm confident in the management of Bruce Keiser...I can't think of one glaring issue where we're overspending. However I would like to see a couple of years where you don't have any increases."

Bill Kelly — Democrat



William "Bill" Kelly believes Jamestowners should re-elect him to the town council because of his track record during his

last term on the council, and because he has over two decades of solid experience in municipal operations.

"I am a proven watchdog of the budget," Kelly said. "I eliminated \$30,000 in unnecessary police overtime during my two years on the council." He also said that he initiated \$600,000 in grants over the last four years, even before he was elected to the council. He believes that town expenditures and budget should always be questioned.

"Good government functions for the good of the entire community and not for self-serving interests," Kelly said. He said that

the immediate major challenges facing the council are affordable housing, protection of the Shores' water from overdevelopment, and East Ferry infrastructure improvements.

He believes the next five to ten years will require a watchful eye on exclusive overdevelopment that could turn the island into an elitist community full of mega-mansions, like Greenwich, Conn. "We must keep the island affordable for those who live here," Kelly said. "If re-elected, establishing affordable housing will be my top priority."

Kelly earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in administration from Fordham University in New York where he was a certified New York State superintendent of schools. His 15 years in education were spent as a federal administrator for special education.

He also spent 15 years in municipal operations. During this time, he was commissioner of public works and a grants administrator in Yonkers, N.Y. Specifically, he spent six years in Yonkers, six years as a private contractor in Westchester County, two years in waste management in New York City, and one year as a grant writer in Westchester County.

"When we moved to Jamestown, I saw that we had a choice of being part of the problem or being part of the solution," Kelly said. "I chose to be part of the solution," when asked about his inspiration to run for office. Kelly was appointed to the planning commission for a brief time before being elected to the town council and serving for two years after the last election.

Fred Glomb — Republican



"Water management, affordable living, and homestead exemption for permanent residents should be the focus of the next town council," said 12-year Jamestown resident and town council candidate Fred Glomb. For the long term, Glomb believes growth, population density, and water are ongoing issues.

Glomb believes he should be elected because of his passion for the town and his financial background that will bring new perceptions to fiscal issues and spending. If elected he wants to implement a sensible water management plan and establish a homestead exemption for year round, permanent residents, he said.

"The town budget is lean," Glomb said. "However, I think it could improve if we coordinated with neighboring communities to reduce health care costs, like insurance for town employees. This would reduce costs to taxpayers and still sustain benefits."

"Good government provides services to its citizens at the best possible price. It requires a more businesslike approach to management," Glomb said.

Glomb earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Although he has never held political office, Glomb has a strong background as a government consultant in finance and accounting on both state and federal levels. He feels his managerial experience in the world of finance could be put to good use.

Glomb's inspiration for running for office stems from "watching the council for years," he said. He feels he is a good arbitrator and his willingness to listen to all sides of every issue and belief in working together to get things done are good reasons to seek election.

Julio DiGiando — Democrat



Town Council Vice President Julio DiGiando takes a big picture view of the challenges facing the island, both the short and long-term.

"It's consistent," DiGiando said, "it's managing the growth of the island."

DiGiando describes the recently approved farmland acquisition plan as "a big step in the right direction." However, the island's continued growth has far-reaching effects. From schools, to water, and taxes, "everything is inextricably linked," DiGiando said. When asked why people should vote for him for a third term, DiGiando focused on his approach to town government. "I think I've been pretty effective on the council. People don't walk away angry; they've felt included." That, according to DiGiando, is critical when it comes to town governance. "Mostly, it's important to listen to people" he said. As for his list of things to do in the upcoming session, DiGiando said that several projects will need attention in order to come to completion, including the highway barn and the proposed downtown beautification project.

In addition, the town needs to come to grips with what to do with the old highway barn as well as to begin to sort through ways to protect the island's maritime interests

and harbor infrastructure, such as the woodpile pier.

On the budget, DiGiando said the town could control either money coming in or how you spend it. DiGiando noted that Jamestown needs to do a better job maintaining fiscal discipline than other communities due to the perception of state lawmakers. "The state perceives Jamestown as a well-to-do community," DiGiando said. As a result, the town should not expect to receive a significant infusion of state funding to meet budgetary requests.

Finally, touching on why he decided to run for elected office, DiGiando said it was a matter of community. "Ever since I came to Jamestown, I've been volunteering. From the soccer program... and Jamestown Yacht Club. If I could make the community better, I knew my kids would be better."

David DeAngelis — Republican



If elected to the town council, David DeAngelis promises to be an authentic voice for the working people and families of Conanicut

Island. "I want to create a non-partisan relationship between the community and the government," DeAngelis said. "This is a family community, not a nation. We should think and work together like a family, not opposing political parties."

DeAngelis believes the next town council must come to terms with water rates, providing families with affordable housing, and "securing the future of residents who have invested in this community and established their homes and families here," he said.

He believes that over the next five to ten years, the town must be prepared to deal with long-term fiscal commitments, and control overdevelopment.

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**JAMESTOWN TOWN HALL
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

TO: All Citizens of the Town of Jamestown
All Boards, Commissions and Committee Members,
All Community Organizations

FROM: Jamestown Town Council

WHEN: Monday, October 29, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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A customer could sue a grocery store for negligence after she slipped on a piece of lettuce while serving herself at a salad bar, even though the store may have lacked knowledge of the hazard, the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled in reversing judgement.

The plaintiff went to a supermarket to shop and get lunch at a salad bar operated by the store. She alleged that she slipped on a slimy piece of lettuce that had fallen to the floor from the salad bar.

The defendant argued the accident was not foreseeable for purposes of the state's premises liability law because the plaintiff could not show the store had actual or constructive knowledge of the dangerous condition.

The Court agreed with the customer, saying the way the store did business created a foreseeable risk.

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