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school dirty politics.

Finally, I'd like to remind Dennis that several years ago after the voters rejected lower Taylor Point, even though I was on the opposite side of the issue, I bought him lunch in payment for a friendly wager on the outcome.

It is terribly disappointing that when the issue was reversed, as pay-back, he decided to get involved in an effort to tarnish my reputation and ruin my chances for election. I may have lost anyway, but now we will never know if his group's last minute mailing was the deciding blow.

I can't believe that another election may have been decided by the

barn. This petty hate between fellow islanders just because of where they live or how much financial success they have needs to end once and for all.

As a community we must move on to bigger, more pressing challenges and that's exactly what I will be doing from now on.

**Sav Rebecchi  
Jamestown**

**People filled many bowls**

The Empty Bowls committee would like to thank the community for our third successful year. In total, \$6,000 was raised for local food banks. They all report this year as even more needy as last, so this was a welcome surprise, especially

for North Kingstown's pantry. We would especially like to thank for their help: Ms. Barry and Ms. Harrington, art teachers at the North Kingstown high school, and their advisory group, for making bowls and helping out at the dinner; the Girl Scouts, for making and serving desserts, the military families for making desserts, and Cornelia Hodosh and family, for making 500 cookies! We also want to thank Fred at the House of Pizza and Andrea and Dorianna at the Village Hearth for all the bread. Thanks to the school for allowing us to use the cafegymatorium again! Thanks to all the napkin makers, especially the library ladies and Sherry. Thanks to the Just Around Trio for the fabulous jazz! Thanks to Tyler Page for the beautiful T-shirts (they are still available, just ask). Thanks to Ann

Deffley and crew for the delicious soups. Thanks to the all the professional potters and artists who donated so much. Thanks to those dozens who helped in many ways on the night of the event. And thank you to the after school classes and children who made most of the bowls and provided their enthusiasm when we were on bowl number 499.

**Julia Montminy,  
Liz Perez, Trish Van Cleef  
Empty Bowls coordinators**

Currently the department responds to nearly 400 calls per year and we conduct weekly training sessions on Thursday evenings. The department and the community can always use more help. We can use drivers, runners, helpers, firefighters and operators. If you are interested or would like more information, please call 423-0062, ext. 105 and speak with Capt. Marcus Cochran or Lt. Alan Weaver about our department.

**James Bryer, Chief  
Jamestown Fire Department**



**We always need volunteers**

Many residents may find it hard to believe, but the Town of Jamestown relies on a totally volunteer department to provide all of the fire suppression services we have in town.

**Bridge site sale terms finalized**

By Tom Shevlin

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser reported last Monday that the town had finalized its agreement with the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority over the sale of a piece of property on Taylor Point critical to the town's plans to build its new highway barn.

Keiser said that he felt comfortable that the town had "reached an agreement which represented the town's interest as well as the bridge and turnpike's."

The process, however, was not without hurdles.

Chief among the concerns addressed in negotiations was the final authority over the aesthetic design of the building. Keiser said that RITBA had requested final approval authority over the proposed building design. According to Keiser, RITBA has agreed to sign off on the project based on artist renderings, while the town has agreed to return to the authority should the design change significantly.

In another give and take, the town has agreed to assume liability for third-party damage to the garage facility stemming from

bridge maintenance, while RITBA has assumed full responsibility for any further environmental remediation necessary at the site. As a final provision, RITBA also asked, and received, a right of reversion should the barn not be sited within two years.

The purchase of the site, located on upper Taylor Point, had been a critical component to the town's proposed highway barn facility. Funding for the project, which was contingent on the final disposition of the property, was approved in a special referendum in September.

**This week in Island history**

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General Services Administration that the lighthouse on Dutch Harbor Island was declared surplus. Town Administrator Robert W. Sutton told the Council that the Department of Environmental Management had already put in a request for this property.

**15 years ago**

**From the Jamestown Press, November 19, 1992**

Jamestown should get ready for the island-wide revaluation program that will get underway next Monday when appraisers start going door to door to examine the exterior and interior of each property. ... Some 3,925 parcels will have to be looked at, and the program must be completed by Dec. 31, 1993 for the 1994 tax roll.

The Jamestown School Committee last week heard several reasons for continuing to send island students to North Kingstown High School. School officials scheduled the Nov. 12 meeting so residents could voice their opinions about what they wanted in a high school, and what criteria should be used to evaluate potential schools.

**10 years ago**

**From the Jamestown Press, November 20, 1997**

While most private wells on the island's north end have good water quality, a written report presented to the Town Council indicates a potential for contamination does exist in wells in Jamestown Shores. The Shores is outside the municipal water and sewer district, and residents depend on private wells for household water and septic tanks for wastewater disposal.

(photo caption) These Jamestown Pack 1 Cub Scouts recently picked up the litter along Hamilton Avenue, which they have adopted.



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