

# Program

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Preventing substance abuse from starting is the best cure, but getting funding for something that doesn't appear to be a problem is difficult, she said.

"We know our programs work because we keep records, Hosley said.

"For instance: 47 percent of Lawn Avenue School eighth-graders surveyed in school year 2004-05 thought that smoking marijuana regularly was a great risk to physical and mental health. A year later, 67 percent of Lawn Avenue eighth-graders surveyed in school year 2005-06 thought smoking marijuana put their health at great risk. That's a 20 percent increase to the good, and those figures concur across the board, with alcohol, cigarettes, crack, cocaine and other

drugs. We would like to think that our programs played a major role in improving those statistics," she added.

"We share Stephanie Nocon, a student assistance councilor, with Little Compton. We have her for three days a week and they have her for two," Hosley said. "We need her five days a week so she is available more than just during school hours, because we need her to work with Melissa Minto and the Teen Center."

"We share Stephanie with Little Compton because that is the only way we can afford her services," Hosley said.

"Twenty years ago, the state asked all schools if they wanted a student assistance councilor. At the time, we didn't think we needed one, so we said 'no.' All schools that said 'no' were never given a second chance. Then when we did need a councilor, we had to

provide the funding, and it comes out of the task force budget," she said.

"Right now, all task forces are given money from the state through Mental Health Retardation and Hospitals (MHRH). The task forces are funded according to population. That money pays for local student assistance councilor," Hosley said.

"Last year, our expenses were approximately \$36,000. This year, they went up to \$40,000," she added.

Carolyn James, the task force coordinator from Little Compton, and Hosley wrote letters to MHRH asking for funds. Federal grant money was available, but only for this year, and that covered the escalating expenses. "If we hadn't received additional funding, we would have had to survive until the end of June on \$1,000," Hosley said.

# Plant

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and improvements to the water distribution line.

Delays in the schedule for the plant design reflect tight space limitations of the existing site that includes considerable wetlands on its boundaries with the bay's West Passage as well as the Great Creek. To locate the new plant within the site, the design calls for use of some wetland that the state requires to be replaced with twice the lost wetland space.

The town drafted a design to meet that environmental requirement, but had to redesign it when, a few months ago, Native American artifacts that could not be disturbed were found in the substitute space. The archeological survey said that new footprint for the proposed plant was free of artifacts.

But the town's redesigned plan for wetlands mitigation is still subject to final approval by the state Coastal Resources Management Council.

The formal environmental impact report, dated Jan. 22, was prepared by Gary Chobanian, senior sanitary engineer and funding administrator for the state Department of Health, which is the lead state agency on the water treatment plant development

and operation. The health department administers the Safe Drinking Water funding program that will provide loans for building the plant.

Chobanian prepared the report of several hundred pages in conjunction with the town's Public Works Director Steven Goslee, and Deputy Public Works Director Michael Gray, who is also the town engineer. A copy of the report is available at the town library. The town plan meets or needs to meet the requirements of a number of state regulatory agencies. In addition to the department health and environment departments, the town plan must meet state plans for land use, outdoor recreation, Greenways, Greenspace, and Community Forests, Rivers Policy, Narragansett Bay Conservation, water supplies, emergency response, drought management, and water-source management.

The plant design was prepared by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike of Burlington, Mass., town engineering consultants on water projects. They worked with Gifford Design Group of Cumberland, especially on the wetland mitigation aspects of the project.

Justin Gould, principal engineer for Spofford and Thorndike, led the presentation at the hearing. He said the new plant will provide enough treated water to meet existing maximum water needs of the 47

percent of island residents who have municipal water service.

It will feature state-of-the-art technology that will be 99 percent efficient, wasting only 1 percent of the water treated, instead of the 15 percent now lost during the treatment process.

The new technology will also ensure that the town meets the newest, more stringent, water-quality regulations that the existing plant cannot meet, Gould and others explained.

The speakers, officials, and reports all emphasized that the increased water supply does not mean that the town can expand the municipal system.

Gould projected that all needed approvals would be completed within two months, bids could be sought in April, and construction started this summer, to be completed in late 2008.

Council President David Long observed that the plans represent a process of work covering some eight years in which he served as a town official. "It's great to see it carried forward," he said.

Long and Councilman William Kelly praised Goslee for his role in the project.

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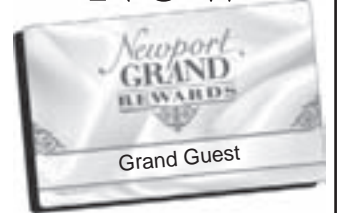
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