

## School

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consider the possibility of going over budget for food service.

Committee member William "Bucky" Brennan showed support for the budget, but noted his disagreement with one line item, student assistant services, for \$30,000. Brennan read from a letter he wrote, detailing his objections to the student assistant counselor position previously supported through a grant from the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force.

"There is no real concrete way to measure and provide statistics for what keeps kids off drugs. What will keep kids off drugs in the long run is good parenting, keeping your kids engaged, some municipal programming, sports and quite a bit of luck," Brennan said.

Other board members voiced support for the line item. Kaiser saw two benefits. One was the structure of the program, which works with kids outside of school, and the other was the cost to society. "The reality is that kids use drugs," she said, adding that societal problems and costs escalate if teenagers are not counseled early enough.

Committee member Julia Held maintained that a need for counseling existed, "and the position is fulfilling that need."

Committee Vice Chairwoman Julie Kalfelz also showed support for the position, but went on to suggest that the School Committee contact the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force "and throw our weight with them for funding on this issue."

The school budget will now go before the Town Council for its approval.

In other business, the committee discussed and approved its home schooling policy.

In a public forum, Michelle Wagner of Lawn Avenue praised

the transition process for her child who would enter the pre-school summer program this year. "We were actually asked what we wanted, what was best for Josie. I can't tell you what it's like to give your child over to this school," she said.

Tracy Shea of Standish Road also expressed gratitude to the school. "What these folks are doing here they are doing really well," she said.

Regarding teachers affected by non-renewal of contracts, Power read a statement explaining that the teachers would have the opportunity to speak at the pre-deprivation hearing. Peter Gingras of the National Education Association of RI said no teachers requested to speak at the hearing.

In his report, the superintendent said he met with other superintendents in South County to discuss ways to save money, including a more efficient use of substitutes.

He also reported that Building Superintendent Lewis Kitts had prices on air conditioning units to address the problem of overly hot classrooms during the summer months.

In the principal's report, Kathleen Almanzor noted the proficient levels of results from the New England Common Assessments Program, which is in its second year of implementation. Almanzor noted that the results provide teachers with better understanding of individual student needs. She invited any parent or community resident to visit the school on School Report Night, March 28, when the NECAP results will be discussed in detail.

Almanzor also said that the third grade held its annual Native American show. The fourth grade is preparing for its May trip to Ellis Island, and the sixth grade enjoyed its annual trip to Alton Jones, she noted. A display of Melrose school student artwork would be exhibited in the Jamestown library from Feb. 17 through March 1, she said.

his team had done an excellent job. He said if not reappointed, he would continue to be involved in the community. "My commitment always has been to the town and not to any particular council," he said.

### Selection Process

Long reviewed the solicitor selection process. He said the solicitor was traditionally chosen by leaders of the majority political party after each local election. He initiated the concept of selection based on qualifications other than political affiliation, Long said

Kaiser asked Power to put Rolling Agenda, the committee researching possible bicycle routes near the schools, on the agenda for Feb. 27

In correspondence, the School Committee received letters from:

- The Youth Art Month Committee, asking Jamestown to recognize March 2007 as Youth Art Month.

- Andrew Snyder, president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, expressing concern about the Heritage Rhode Island curriculum to be taught in public schools. The AAP objects to the required content area regarding abstinence, and urges curricula that teach about both abstinence and contraception.

- a memorandum from the state Department of Education, announcing information sessions on Feb. 28 about grade span expectations for government, civics and historical perspectives.

- a letter from Ginny Perry suggesting committee recognition of the high academic performance and extra curricular and athletic achievements and awards earned by North Kingstown High School, with significant contributions from Jamestown students.

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## Council

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proposal.

Ruggiero's associates include Christopher Orton, a lawyer since 1992, who will handle zoning matters, and Wyatt Brochu, a lawyer since 1997, who will handle planning matters. Ruggiero will be primary solicitor for the council and town administration.

Ruggiero, also a lawyer since 1997, earned his bachelor's degree in 1978 at Rhode Island College, a master of community planning degree in 1980 from the University of Rhode Island, and law degree in 1997 from Boston University. Both Ruggiero and Mannis have been town solicitors or assistant

solicitors in other municipalities.

There was relatively little discussion about the appointment vote. Council Vice President Julio DiGiando and Councilor William Kelly said other candidates were also worthy of selection. Kelly noted his appreciation for the work and guidance from Harsch, and that Ruggiero was "admirable," and rose to the top of the matrix system he used for scoring the candidates.



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| YEAR | MAKE     | MODEL         | YEAR | MAKE     | MODEL      |
|------|----------|---------------|------|----------|------------|
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| 2002 | Lincoln  | TownCar       | 2001 | Toyota   | Camry      |
| 2001 | Chrysler | Sebring Conv. | 2000 | Volvo    | V70XC AWD  |
| 2000 | Ford     | Windstar      | 1999 | Volvo    | V70XC AWD  |
| 1999 | Buick    | LeSabre       | 1999 | Volvo    | S70 Sedan  |
| 1999 | Chevy    | Tracker       | 1999 | Mercedes | E320 Wagon |
| 1999 | Ford     | F150          | 1997 | SAAB     | 900SE      |
| 1997 | Ford     | Ranger        | 1997 | Toyota   | RAV4       |
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## Solicitor

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and rulings that the councilman saw as violations, such as allowing the annual fishing derby at the town reservoir even though regulations ban any public access there, and validating a simple majority (three of five council votes) when regulations specify four votes are required for changes in the water ban rules.

Harsch reviewed his work and community service history with the town and concluded he and

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

The following is intended to amend Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Jamestown. A public hearing to solicit public input is scheduled on **Monday, March 12, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 4. Chapter 82 of the Zoning Ordinances** of the Town of Jamestown is hereby amended by adding the following new Section thereto.

**Sec. 82-410. Project Review by Outside Consultants**

The Zoning Board, Planning Commission, Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or Town Planner have the authority to engage professionals to assist them with the review of and recommendation concerning any application which, in the judgment of the Zoning Board, Planning Commission, Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or Town Planner, require review by outside consultants due to the size, scale or complexity of a proposed project, the project's potential impacts, or because the Town lacks the necessary expertise to perform the review warranted to the permit or approval. Such professionals may include but may not be limited to architects, Engineers, lawyers, and landscape architects, Planners and the like. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, analyzing an application, design review of applications, determining consistency with the purposes and design standards for cluster developments, assessing the economic, archaeological, traffic or environmental impact of a development proposal, review of unique site features including trees, or for monitoring a project or site for compliance with the Commission's decisions or regulations. The fee for such services shall be the responsibility of the applicant and shall be equal to the actual cost to the Town for such consultant. These project review fees are separate from, and in addition to, other fees imposed by the Town for reviewing a proposed project or application or inspecting a project during construction or implementation.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Jamestown Town Hall, 24 Conanicus Avenue during normal business hours. The proposed Ordinance amendment may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-401-423-7200 or 423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.

By order of the Jamestown Town Council  
Therese J. Petit  
Town Cler