

## Council approves additional downtown parking

By Sam Bari

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser presented recommendations from Traffic Committee Chairman Robert Bowen to the Town Council at its March 24 meeting.

The committee recommended that parking on Walcott Avenue be moved from the east to the west side from Brook Street to High Street. The committee also recommended extending parking on Union Street, and to restrict truck-loading zones on Narragansett Avenue.

The council debated the matter and voted to support the recommendations. However, Keiser said the proposals must be sent to the state Traffic Commission for approval before they can be implemented.

### Conservation Commission liaison

Town Council President Julio DiGiando appointed Councilwoman Barbara Szepatowski to fill the vacancy of Town Council Liaison to the Conservation Commission.

Szepatowski happily accepted the appointment and said she has always been involved in conservation and environmental projects and that she considered conservation matters to be a top priority.

### Flag request for Town Hall

The Town Council denied the Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island's request to fly the Armenian flag at Town Hall, citing the Jamestown Flag Policy adopted by the Town Council on May 29, 2001 as the reason for the decision. The vote to deny was unanimous.

### Conanicut Battery ceremony

The council unanimously approved a request from Mary Vieira and Glen Spears to set up a tent for a wedding ceremony at the Conanicut Battery on July 5, 2008.

### License applications

The council voted unanimously to approve an application by Gregg R. Charest of Ship Street to stage a fireworks display on the west side of Mackerel Cove Beach July 5. The request was approved with the

condition that the newly formed "Rocket (Quo) Hogs" organization contract the same pyrotechnics firm as their predecessor the "Rocket Dawgz" used for the last 12 years. Charest assured the council that they "have every intention of following in the traditions of the renowned Rocket Dawgz anyway, and that they would indeed use the same company to set off the fireworks."

The council unanimously approved one-day vendor and entertainment licenses to applicant Maureen Dunn Packer for the annual Ali Dunn-Packer Memorial Road Race on June 1, so food can be sold and a DJ can provide entertainment for the event at the Fort Getty Pavilion.

The council also approved a holiday license application for The Secret Garden at 12 Southwest Ave., and a renewal for The Theater Family Restaurant at 34 Narragansett Ave.

## Quiet meeting for planning commission

By Michaela Kennedy

Committee reports and an approval for a request to continue a preliminary subdivision review made up a brief regular meeting of the Planning Commission on March 19.

Ken Littman, attorney representing applicant Evelyn Furtado, asked for a six-month extension of the preliminary approval phase for a two-lot subdivision on Luther Street. The original engineer, Steven King, was no longer available to continue on the project, which was first approved, but then appealed, in 2006. The time would be needed to locate a new engi-

neer, Littman said.

Town Planner Lisa Bryer handed out copies of ethics regulations that pertained to the commission. She addressed the policies for informational purposes for new commissioners and a review for seasoned board members. "There have been a lot of questions lately," she explained.

In a parking committee report, liaison Jean Brown noted that possible changes to parking limits downtown were discussed. The committee also considered drafting a policy that would require downtown deliveries to be done by 11 a.m., Brown added.

In a wind energy committee report, Bryer said the Town Council approved the committee's choice for a wind power consultant. Addressing a question about a board liaison to the committee, Bryer confirmed that the town planner was the liaison and a commissioner was not needed to fill the position.

Bryer said that the agenda was brief, but commissioners were spending time studying the charrette report and learning about the SmartCode in preparation for customizing the software template for zoning ordinance updates.

## Learn to become a Civil War reenactor

Civil War buffs with a deep interest in that period of the country's history are being offered a chance to become a Civil War reenactor.

On Sunday, April 20, the 12th Georgia, a New England-based Confederate infantry unit, will be hosting a one-day training camp and muster at Chase Farm Park on Great Road in Lincoln. This

training camp offers a great opportunity to see what re-enacting is all about and experience the excitement of Civil War life first hand by becoming a Confederate soldier for a day.

Experience is not necessary, but participants must be at least 18 years old, or 16 if accompanied by an adult. The full-day training will include all the military maneuvers necessary for a re-enactment, such as weapons safety, manual of arms, and field drills. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and participants are

asked to bring a lunch. Coffee will be available.

Lincoln's Chase Farm Park, located at 669 Great Rd. (Rt. 123), has been the site for many large-scale Civil War Re-enactments over the past several years.

Registration for the April 20 training camp is \$9, which covers the cost of insurance, and the deadline for enlistments is April 16. To register for the training camp or for more information about becoming a re-enactor, contact 12th Georgia Company F 1st Sgt. David Pincins at 301-4341.

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