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Public comment invited on Weaver's Cove LNG project

By Adrienne Downing

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has scheduled two scoping meetings to get input on the latest Weaver's Cove proposal to bring liquid natural gas into the Narragansett Bay.

After receiving unfavorable rulings from the United States Coast Guard last fall about the feasibility of using smaller tankers to transport the flammable gas through the bay to holding tanks in Fall River,

Weaver's Cove now proposes to transport the gas through a pipeline.

The new proposal made at an April 30 meeting recommended constructing a Mount Hope Bay water facility on the Rhode Island/Massachusetts line. From there, the LNG would be piped up the Taunton River along the remaining four miles to waiting tanks in

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Council approves amendments to water rules and regulations

By Sam Bari

The Town Council unanimously approved the proposed draft of amendments to the Rules and Regulations of Water Commissioners at Monday's meeting.

The approval however, was not without opposition and lengthy discussion. William Munger, president of Conanicut Marine, and leaseholder of the town marina at East Ferry, and Clem Napolitano, a principal of Jamestown Boatyard, opposed the wording of Amend-

ment 6, Section 7.

The amendment imposes water restrictions to conserve water during the summer months when water levels are low. The restrictions include prohibiting boat washing, which affects all marinas and boatyards from the end of June to the end of October.

Munger and Napolitano are in the business of repairing and servicing boats. After repairs are com-

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Pretty in pink

Nina Kent enjoys cotton candy at the Melrose Avenue School Penny Carnival. The carnival is put on by fourth grade students each year in June.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten



Beautiful girls

Julia Cote, left, and Samantha Rafferty model the hats they made for the preschool celebration at Melrose school on Wednesday morning. The girls will move on to kindergarten next year.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Island wind turbine sites narrowed down to three

By Michaela Kennedy

Open space designations, deed restrictions and "shadow flicker" forced six of 10 properties off the list of considerations in the preliminary phase of the wind energy feasibility study. Site possibilities could change again if additional fatal flaws emerge, the Jamestown Wind Energy Committee determined at its June 10 meeting.

Consultant Dan Mendelsohn of Applied Technology Management presented a draft of data tables for the 10 sites originally chosen for scrutiny by the wind committee. The comparison of details included property size, ownership, wind speed and calculations of an annual average output of power. He also provided maps illustrating potential layouts and the number of maximum turbines that could be installed on each property.

Mendelsohn reported that each turbine researched by the consulting team was large enough to produce four times the town's electricity consumption. "They're big," he added.

Square footage of the sites determined their capacity to hold 80-meter tall turbines with a 70-meter blade spread, according to Mendelsohn. He calculated that a minimum of 11 acres would be required for each turbine, to ensure safety from potential breakage as well as flickering patterns. Shadows cast by a rotating turbine blade were annoying when under the turbine, he explained.

Committee member Robert Bowen pointed out that coastal sites did not need as large an area since the water could be part of the fall zone. He also advised looking at position possibilities within each site. Restrictions from Coastal Resources Management Council, however, still needed to be explored.

Committee chairman Don Wineberg warned about the possibility that CRMC might not allow the development so close to the shoreline. "The 200-foot buffer is there for a reason, to keep development away," he said.

One map showed an estimated
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