

# Climate

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Greenland and Antarctica. Most of the recent sea rise can be attributed to the melting of glaciers and expansion of oceans due to warming, she said, but scientists are puzzled by the effects of melting ice sheets on Greenland and Antarctica.

Their rapid melting would raise levels considerably more than the CRMC's projection of three to five feet by 2100, according to CRMC Coastal Geologist Janet Freedman. The pace of global sea rise is in-

creasing, she said. According to a tide gauge in Newport, Rhode Island, sea levels rose an average of 1.27 millimeters per year between 1970 and 1988, Freedman related, but an average of 4.06 millimeters per year between 1989 and 2008. Overall, Newport sea levels have risen about 8 inches since 1929.

But for coastal communities, the biggest threat is not sea level rise, insisted state Geologist John Boothroyd, but more frequent and more powerful storms. Southern New England has not had a series of major storms since Hurricane Bob

in the early 1990s, he said, adding that he cannot predict when another set of erosion causing storms may hit. Fugate said that careful planning for big storms requires good maps with up-to-date elevations of coastal areas. The current U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency maps are old and inaccurate, he said, and called on conference attendees to contact their Congressmen to get the federal government to produce better maps.

To battle shoreline erosion, Boothroyd advocated beach replenishment, but said it can be prohibi-

tively expensive to local communities who must assume 30 to 50 percent of the cost under federal programs. Moving buildings inland to higher ground is more practical, he added. Fugate agreed, saying, "Our primary policy is retreat."

Because sea walls, or revetments, encourage beach erosion and potentially block shoreline access, Freedman said that the CRMC does not allow construction of new sea walls. Property owners may maintain existing walls, but if a storm destroys more than 50 percent of a wall, it cannot be rebuilt, she said.

While Fugate and Freedman discussed local precautions, Moran called for action on the causes of climate, "heavy consumerism in the West, plus [world] population growth." She endorsed a cap and trade system on carbon dioxide emissions like the plans advocated by Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, but rejected by the United States Senate earlier this month.

"The rest of the world gets it," Moran said, "It's time for the United States to stop believing editorials in the Wall Street Journal."

# Ruggiero

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in television and radio sales management as national and local sales manager for two different stations.

Currently, she is director of community development for Citadel Broadcasting. She is the creator and host of "Amazing Women," a radio talk show that celebrates the accomplishments of Rhode Island women.

"There are so many issues I can relate to people on," Ruggiero said. "I can feel what the voters are feeling and I am with them. I am very blessed that I have the time and en-

ergy to devote to what I see as an opportunity for compelling change in this state."

Ruggiero said her campaign will focus on the "four E's—economy, education, elderly and environment."

She is a founding board member of the Women's Fund of Rhode Island, past president of the board of the American Lung Association of Rhode Island, and serves on the philanthropic committee for the Rhode Island Foundation. She has been an instructor at Providence College since 1992.

Ruggiero has lived in Jamestown for 20 years, is single, an avid golfer and she loves to cook.

# Council

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vote on fishing regulations on the facility, which the Harbor Management Commission felt fell under the council's jurisdiction. The fishing regulations issue was continued to a special meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on Thursday, June 26.

Councilwoman Barbara Szepatowski motioned to approve the bid package for the curbs and rails project and Councilman Michael White seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the roughly \$200,000 project.

The council also voted unanimously to approve a request to spend an additional \$1,200 for a detailed estimate to repair the wood pile pier per the recent survey of its condition.

The harbor commission recommended that the Town Council request the state representatives for Jamestown to oppose House Bill 8199 in order to encourage development of a fishing pier on the remaining section of the Old Jamestown Bridge. The Council agreed and voted unanimously to support the request and send a letter of opposition to the state representatives.

## Town Administrator's report

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser reported that Finance Director Tina Collins participated June 12 in a teleconference with town financial services advisor Steven Maceroni of First Southwest Bank to monitor the \$4.9 million bond sale. Keiser said that with an AA3 credit rating, the Town bonds sold at an attractive rate of 4.11 percent which is 0.64 percent lower than the town budget estimate. A savings of more than \$333,000 over the life of the bond.

Keiser met June 18 with Council President DiGiando and Lawrence Eichler, the new managing partner of Dutch Harbor Boat Yard and his attorney Mark Liberati.

"Mr. Eichler informed us that he is committed to ensuring full and timely compliance with the lease," Keiser said.

Eichler also indicated that Dutch Harbor Partners, the new name for the facility, will work cooperatively with the town on upgrading site amenities and infrastructure at West Ferry to improve the waterfront, Keiser added.

According to the report, Eichler said that he is interested in a long-term commitment to enhance the area and that he will submit a request to extend the lease period.

In an unrelated matter, Keiser reported that the archaeological investigation performed at the old town offices at 44 Southwest Ave. for Church Community Housing has uncovered significant Native American artifacts.

CCH determined that the cost of further investigation will allow them to build only two affordable housing units. Both the town and CCH recognize that a two-unit project is not cost-effective because the town subsidy for each unit would increase significantly due to the reduction in federal and state assistance.

Consequently, Keiser recommended that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners as an agenda item to discuss other possibilities for the property. The council agreed.

The town administrator also reported that the owners of 101 Gondola Ave. have taken out a demolition permit. The property was deemed unsafe for habitation by the zoning officer and Keiser sent a letter to the owners saying that if they didn't demolish the property the town would take appropriate action.

## Conservation Commission report

The Conservation Commission said in a letter to the Town Council that they opposed the proposed trail, parking and observation platform for the area north of the present water treatment plant.

Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Powell said that they can't support a trail that disturbs natural wetland areas. He said he would like to work it out with the council. Powell also pointed out that the maps submitted to the commission from the Town Council were inconsistent.

Councilman Robert Sutton said he would be happy to discuss the matter with Powell and work out an agreement as long as the Conservation Commission did not come back at a later date opposing the agreement as it had been decided.

Council President DiGiando suggested that the men arrange a private meeting and work out the details.

# Perry

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degree from Providence College.

Perry has worked in government, politics and media on and off over the past two decades, but she received her first taste of politics as a radio reporter for WPRO, where she covered the General Assembly.

"It was really my first exposure to politics and I found it very interesting," she said.

After moving to Washington, D.C., she worked on Capitol Hill

and for the Republican National Committee. She was affiliated with the Women's National Republican Club in New York while living in New York City in the late 1990s.

In recent years, she worked part time in the governor's media office before becoming executive director of the state party. She is a past co-chair of Jamestown's Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC).

She is the mother of Ginger, 8, and Nicky, 6, and has had a home in Jamestown for 10 years.

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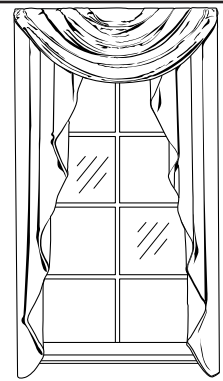
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