

# Council

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said that Goslee was on vacation that week, yet he came in every day to make sure the plant was running well enough so the town would not be without water.

Goslee urged the commissioners to uphold the ban during the summer months, saying, "We can barely keep up with the demand during peak periods." He told the commissioners that the town is not without water. He said the problem is that the plant cannot treat water as fast as it uses it until the new treatment plant is up and running. The plant produces 300 gallons an hour when it uses 700 per hour during peak periods. An equipment failure on a hot summer weekend could result in people being without water, he said.

Gray said, "We're just asking the board to lean toward the conservative side."

"We don't want anyone to get the idea that we are in an emergency mode. We just don't want it to get that way," Gray added.

Keiser said, "We're operating an old plant whose infrastructure is very unpredictable. All we need is one emergency, like a fire or a breakdown at the treatment plant, and the town could be without water."

Goslee said that the town's two water tanks hold one million gallons each. If they fall to less than 70 percent capacity, users on Highland Drive, which is at the highest point of the gravity-fed system, would be without water, he said.

When the matter was discussed at the June 23 Water and Sewer Commission meeting, commissioner Robert Sutton was the only board member who supported upholding the ban as recommended by the public works director.

After seeing Goslee's presentation, Council President Julio DiGiando sided with Sutton and agreed that the recommended restrictions should be upheld. Council Vice President Michael White agreed with council members William Kelly and Barbara Szepatowski to

relax the bans unless there was an emergency.

Kelly suggested "tweaking" the regulations and restricting other practices to compensate for water used by the boat yards. However, Town Solicitor in water and sewer matters Wyatt Brochu said that the ordinance could not be rewritten because changing the ordinance was not on the agenda. He said there was a distinct difference between suspending and amending.

When Szepatowski saw that the motion to suspend the restrictions would not get the four-fifths majority needed to pass, she chose to abstain. The motion was defeated by a 2-2 margin with Szepatowski abstaining.

DiGiando agreed with Sutton that the board should support Goslee's recommendations and keep the ban

in place until next year after the new water treatment plant is brought on-line in the fall. Szepatowski said that she wanted to revisit the issue after she had time to consider additional recommendations.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to leave the decision for the roof configuration on the salt storage building adjacent to the highway barn at Taylor Point to the discretion of the public works department.

In an unrelated matter, the council unanimously approved the waiver of regulations for the Jamestown Striper Club's Annual Kid's Fishing Derby.

The board also unanimously agreed to put the town property at 44 Southwest Ave. on the market.

## Farm activities at zoo next weekend

Roger Williams Park Zoo is offering up some good old fashioned family fun on July 11 and 12 with "Fun on the Farm," an event featuring a wide array of farm and country-inspired activities, entertainment and demonstrations.

Activities will take place in and around the zoo's Full Circle Farm exhibit and are set to include country-style musical performances by Jordan Cannady, milk tasting from Rhody Fresh, composting demonstrations by the URI Master Composters and Recyclers, and gardening demonstrations by the URI Master Gardeners.

Additional displays and activities will be hosted by local agricultural organizations including Casey Farm, Farm Fresh Rhode Island, and SVF Foundation (July 11 only), which donated a number of rare farm breeds to the Full Circle Farm exhibit. Visitors can also marvel at life-sized replicas of agricultural world record holders, such as the world's largest corn cob, smallest horse and heaviest apple.

A complete schedule of activities can be found on the zoo's Web site at [www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org](http://www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org). Activities run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and are free with zoo admission. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children ages 3 to 12. Children under 3 and zoo members are free.

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