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Fire safety

Firefighter Bill Marsh, left, teaches Jake Whitehead and Evan Chadwick about the correct use of an air pack during a birthday party at the fire station.

Photo by Caitlin Downing

Council questions REAP endorsement

By Sam Bari

The Town Council scrutinized the Rhode Island Energy Aggregation Program (REAP) "Authorization to act as Agent" document at its Monday night meeting.

A letter from the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns Executive Director Dan Beardsley asked the town councils for their endorsements of Beardsley to act as the official agent to negotiate an energy supply contract on the league's behalf.

REAP is a consortium of the 36 municipalities that organized under the auspices of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns for the

purpose of purchasing electricity and other energy-related services from energy power suppliers at the lowest possible prices and with the highest quality of service.

Councilman Robert Sutton questioned the wording of the document because he thought the language was flawed. "We're talking about spending a couple of hundred million dollars," Sutton said. "You'd think the contract wording would be more exact."

Sutton, as well as Town Administrator Bruce Keiser, questioned the authorization of Beard-

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Daily police foot patrols will return to village

By Sam Bari

Police Chief Thomas Tighe said he is bringing the practice of foot patrols back to the downtown area to improve community relations through direct contact.

Officers working the first and second shifts, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., will perform an hour of foot patrol to their daily schedule. "They will go into the various businesses on Narragansett Avenue and East Ferry and introduce themselves to the personnel in the different establishments," Tighe said.

"This isn't just for the shop owners. Whenever officers are seen on the street, people should feel free to talk to them and ask any questions they may have," Tighe said.

The idea is for the officers to get to know the shopkeepers and business owners, and for residents to have an opportunity to interact with the officers and get accustomed to the security of their presence in the village. "It's much more personable than just seeing a patrol car occasionally drive by," he added.

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Four islanders complete 70.3-mile half Ironman

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

Given the course and the conditions, they were happy with their times. These were the sentiments of the four islanders who recently competed in and finished the Amica Ironman 70.3 triathlon.

That's 70.3 miles.

The triathletes began their day at 7 a.m. with a 1.2-mile open water swim at Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett, followed by a 56-mile bike race to Providence and the last leg was a 13.1 mile run through the hills of College Hill and the East Side.

Abigail Anthony was the third woman from Rhode Island to cross the finish line with a time of 5:26:08. "It wasn't the fastest I have done a half Iron-

man, but compared to other people's times, I was happy given the course and conditions," Anthony said. "I was out of the water by 7:30 a.m., biked for three hours, then started running and it was so hot."

An experienced triathlete, Jamestown resident Kevin Barry was thrilled that the Ironman came to Rhode Island although the course was very challenging.

To familiarize himself with the course, Barry rode his bike to work in Providence with islander and fellow competitor Mark Matoes. The training partners also swam from Jamestown to North Kingstown a few days before the event. "The open swim can be intimidating, so it was good to get in the water be-

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Abigail Anthony of Jamestown was the third women from Rhode Island to cross the finish line in the Amica Ironman 70.3 triathlon. Anthony was one of four island residents to compete in the event.