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sley as an individual to act as the sole agent. Sutton said that league members should be endorsing the league president as well as its attorney to act as the negotiating body on the league's behalf.

Keiser said that the present contract collectively saved league member towns \$23 million dollars in energy costs to date, and Jamestown's \$228,702 in savings was significant. However, he agreed with Sutton that the language of the authorization document should define the scope of Beardsley's authority as an acting agent to include the approval of the president and solicitor.

The letter said . . . "the League's Executive Board (at the recommendation of Stone & Webster) is asking all members of the REAP program to authorize the League's Executive Director to: (1) act as their official agent to negotiate an energy supply contract on their behalf and (2) have the limited, lawful authority to bind each member

of the program to the electricity contract which is negotiated."

Stone & Webster is the energy consulting firm contracted by the league's executive board to monitor the energy market to determine the best time to secure another electricity contract before the current contract expires.

"I'm not questioning Beardsley's ability to negotiate a good contract," Sutton said. "I am questioning why they want to put the burden of responsibility on an individual without including the president and solicitor in case something happens to Beardsley. Sutton asked what would happen if Beardsley resigned or died.

In the letter, Beardsley offered to talk to the Town Council. Keiser said he would invite him to next week's meeting to address the council and answer any questions they may have. Meanwhile, Keiser said he would draft a letter to Beardsley that included the town's concerns and ask for the language of the agreement to be revised accordingly.

In an unrelated matter, the council reviewed the proposed

amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for section 15, which covers recreational use of the water reservoir, and for date changes to section 15A that specifies the limitations of water use. The council approved advertising the proposed amendments at a public hearing scheduled for Aug. 18.

The proposed Amendment 1, Section 15 says, "The Water Commission from time to time may grant permission for recreational use of the reservoir."

The Amendment 2, Section 15A wording and dates were changed to, "No customer shall use water furnished by the municipal water system for lawn irrigation, house washing, boat washing, or residential car washing from June 30 through October 1 of each year; nor at any time between October 2 and June 29 when the height of the North Reservoir is more than one foot below the top of the spillway and after publication in the manner set forth in this subsection."

Foot Patrol

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Tighe said that additional officers will also be added to the downtown area on Sunday nights when concerts take place at East Ferry. They will enforce parking regulations and help control the flow of pedestrian traffic to assure the safety of concertgoers as they walk to and from Veteran's Memorial Square.

Vicki de Angeli, president of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, said that she thought the foot patrols were a fabulous idea. "We're a small town, and when the police are familiar faces and get to know everyone, that's part of the charm of who we are," de Angeli said. "I can't think of a down side. A police presence is always comfortin'."

Paula LaBarre, manager of Grapes and Gourmet at East Ferry, said, "It's a great idea. It makes for better communication. When the police interact with people, they are involved with the community. It gives everyone an opportunity to know who they are and brings us together as a town."

Police officer Tiffany Kopacz said that she thinks it is a good idea. "Meeting people while we're on patrol gives us an opportunity to talk to them in a positive light. If people

only meet us in an official capacity, they aren't always left with a good impression of who we are and what we represent."

When the police visit a business, they have an opportunity to see the interior of the premises and get familiar with the layout, Kopacz said. This is advantageous if something does happen and a situation develops. Then the police will have a better idea of how to respond because they are familiar with the surroundings.

"Introducing ourselves to people in the community makes us approachable. It lets people know we are receptive and want to hear what they have to say. When we need their help, the interaction results in cooperation and trust," Kopacz said.

Steve Sherman of Jamestown Hardware on Narragansett Avenue said, "We have very few problems, if any, that would involve the police. But, getting to know the police and making people familiar with who they are is always a good thing." Their presence on the avenue will probably help to keep kids from flying down the sidewalk on their skateboards, he added. "I don't think the kids always realize that we have a lot of old people walking around. The kids might not see them when they walk out of a store."

Teen dog lovers needed for Black Tie Doggie Ball

The Jamestown Teen Center is partnering with the Friends of the Jamestown Animal Shelter and Paws and Claws for the "Black Tie Doggie Ball" at the pavilion at Fort Getty on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Volunteers are needed to help set up before the event and to feed and walk the dogs during the evening. Volunteers are required to attend one of the informational meetings to ensure they can interact

appropriately with various kinds of dogs.

There will be informational meetings on Thursday, July 24, at 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 29, at 3 p.m. at the Ft. Getty Pavilion.

For more information and to sign up, contact Melissa Minto or Debbie Tungett at 423-7261 or email to jamestownteens@yahoo.com.

Get rid of aches and pains with gardener's exercise class

Evolution Bodywork & Nutrition will be teaching a fitness workshop for gardeners at Blithewold Mansion, called "A Gardener's Guide to Movement: How to Stretch, Lengthen and Strengthen Your Body," on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The workshop will utilize Pilates mat and ac-

tive isolated stretching to bring awareness to the body and to address the specific aches, pains and injuries that occur, as well as teach skills to build core strength.

Advanced registration is required. The cost is \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. To sign up, call Blithewold at 253-2707.

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Newport Hospital welcomes Jacques P. Fontaine, MD



Jacques P. Fontaine, MD

Dr. Fontaine, a thoracic surgeon, has joined Newport Hospital's medical staff. He earned his medical degree from McGill University in Canada and completed his surgical internship and residencies at the University of Montreal and Boston University. Dr. Fontaine completed a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Fontaine is an assistant professor at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. His local practice is with University Surgical Associates, 220 Bellevue Avenue, in Newport.



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