

# Town water rules amended

By Sam Bari

The Town Council held a public hearing at Monday's meeting regarding amendments to the general rules and regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

After discussing the rules governing water conservation during the summer months, the council proposed to change the dates for water restrictions in Section 15A. The proposed changes are as follows: 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 Oct. 1 of each year; nor at any time between Oct. 2 and June 29 "when the height of the North Reservoir is more than one foot below the top of the spillway." Notification of the water level will be published in the Press as indicated in a section of the ordinance.

## Public works director's report

Public Works Director Steve Goslee reported that the wells are in service. JR-1 was out of service

for three days due to a lightning strike, but the damage was minimal. The reservoir color dropped significantly. The trend is expected to continue if precipitation remains normal, Goslee said.

Goslee said that the treatment plant operated at 98-percent efficiency for turbidity removal.

He reported that the placement of reinforcing steel, electrical conduit and plumbing/mechanical piping for the floor slab in the treatment plant is complete. The pouring of the concrete floor was scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, Goslee reported.

Goslee said that transfer pumping at the reservoir is ongoing from the South to the North Pond. Last month a total of 2.17 million gallons were transferred. He added that the transfer of 300,000 gallons a day was a significant increase.

Testing for the enhanced surface water treatment rule "LT2" will commence this September at North Pond. The town will be sampling for e-coli for a period of

one year. Depending on those results, the town may need to initiate sampling for cryptosporidium and giardia cysts.

## Open forum

Ellen Winsor spoke at the open forum and said she was formally announcing that on Aug. 1 Conanicut Island became a sole source aquifer. She said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has given the designation, which provides the drinking water supply an extra level of protection.

Winsor said that she would be working closely with the conservation commission who supported the designation.

Councilman Robert Sutton said, "Sole-source aquifer, whatever that means to the town I'm not sure. But any issues concerning the island, whatever they may be, will go through the town council, not through a committee conferring with some citizens group."

Sutton said he did not know what Winsor meant when she said she would be working closely with the conservation commission, but he assured the council and those attending the meeting that anything concerning the EPA would be dealt with through the council and will not be decided by a citizen talking to a committee.

Councilman William Kelly said that the designation of sole source aquifer only applied to federally funded projects that are under consideration. "It does not apply to locally funded projects, and it does not have any jurisdiction over landfills," Kelly said.

# Scouts

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the Boy Scouts highest honor. "Before we got started we had to write plans, secure funding and present them to our Scout Master, Dave Volpe. Then we had to do the same presentation to the troop committee for their approval. After the plans met committee approval, they had to be sent to the district where they were reviewed again. We couldn't start anything until we had district approval," Chase said.

He said that he and Matley felt lucky to have found projects that met the criteria for approval at all three levels. He explained that the projects themselves had to have merit, then they had to be funded, and they had to be beneficial for a non-profit organization. "Both of our projects were used for education, so that part passed fairly easily," Chase said.

After completing the projects, the scouts were put through the approval process again, Chase said. First they were required to write reports on the building process and get those approved by the troop leader. This was followed by live presentations to the troop committee and finally to the approval committee. After the projects passed the different levels of approval, the scouts were questioned and evaluated by the Eagle Board of Review before being given their promotions.

Chase said the promotion ceremony at the Eagle Court of Honor was special. The scout master reviewed their lives as scouts and listed all of their merit badges and awards. Then they had to give a speech to show leadership and inspire younger scouts. "We also thanked everyone who helped us,"

Chase said.

Both Chase and Matley said they thanked their parents and families, Troop Leader Dave Volpe, their teachers, and everyone who supported them on the journey to achieving their Eagle Scout rank.

Chase mentioned that every astronaut who landed on the moon was an Eagle Scout.

According to Eagle Scout Slade Downing, Boy Scouts can begin the journey towards Eagle Scout when they are 11 years old. The soonest the rank has ever been achieved was two years, Downing said.

Chase was born in Portsmouth and moved to Jamestown to live on the family-owned Hodgkiss Farm on North Main Road in 1996. He works part time at Jamestown Hardware and lives on the farm with his parents Harry and Gail, and his younger sister, Eliza (Elizabeth).

Matley was born in Jamestown and has lived on the island all his life. He works part time for the DEM at Fort Adams in Newport.

Both young men started their scouting careers as Cub Scouts under troop leader Linda Scott in 1999.

Matley and Chase said they have learned a lot from being involved with scouting, and when asked why they do it, they said in unison, "Because we love it."

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Deb Ruggiero

**Islander will write about the Democratic National Convention**

Jamestown Deb Ruggiero plans to blog about her experience next week as an elected delegate from Rhode Island at the Democratic National Convention.

Ruggiero's blog will appear on this newspaper's Web site at [www.JamestownPress.com](http://www.JamestownPress.com) starting on Monday, Aug. 25.

A native Rhode Islander, Ruggiero is running for state representative from Jamestown and Middletown. She is also the chairwoman of the Jamestown Democratic Town Committee and a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club.

Ruggiero hosts the radio show "Amazing Women" on Sunday mornings on WPRO AM.



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