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Town buys land at Taylor Point

Additional space for highway barn

By Sam Bari

Work on the new town highway barn halted briefly last week until town officials completed the purchase of additional land adjacent to the Claiborne Pell Bridge.

The Town Council held a meeting Friday, Nov. 7 to sign a resolution to purchase a 6,200 square foot parcel of land from the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for the new highway barn at Taylor Point.

Immediately after the meeting, Town Solicitor Wyatt Brochu, along with Town Administrator Bruce Keiser and Town Council President Julio DiGiando, met with RITBA Chairman David Darlington, Director Buddy Croft and legal council Rob Kynchalski to close the sale.

Town Clerk Arlene Petit and Town Engineer Michael Gray attended the closing to assure that the necessary documentation was in order.

The town agreed last year to purchase the parcel of land for \$97,500 from RITBA in order to meet critical space requirements for the facility.

After deductions for monies paid for soil remediation and expenses



Veterans Day at East Ferry

Former Governor Bruce Sundlun, of Jamestown, gives the keynote address at Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremony at East Ferry. Sundlun, a retired colonel, was a B-17 pilot who was shot down over Germany during WWII. Sundlun said five of his crew members were killed and described how it took him six months to make his way back to U.S. lines.

Photo by Jeff McDonough

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Toe-tapping numbers

Jon Peterson rehearses with children who will perform with him in this weekend's "Song Man, Dance Man," at the Recreation Center. Tickets are now available.

Photo by Jeff McDonough

School Committee receives surprise gift

By Eileen M. Daly

During last week's school committee meeting, local attorney Quentin Anthony revealed a surprise bequest to startled committee members.

Anthony was there to represent the estate of the late Jamestown resident Elizabeth Stone, who died recently at the age of 100. According to Anthony, Stone

did not have any children or any close living relatives and so bequeathed her estate of approximately \$160,000 to the Jamestown School Committee.

Stone's will indicates a desire for the money to be used to help finance Jamestown students' pursuit of higher education, Anthony

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Town Council approves landfill closure plans

By Sam Bari

Despite opposition, the Town Council approved the landfill closure design submitted by GZA Geo Environmental of Providence, the firm contracted to handle the closure of the landfill on North Main Road.

The 3-2 vote at the Nov. 10 Town Council meeting followed a presentation of the revised closure plan by Town Engineer Michael Gray with GZA engineers Ed Summerly and Todd Greene. The presentation sparked a lengthy

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