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Fort Getty sailing center project moves forward

Center may start construction in fall

By Adrienne Downing

Jamestown could be home to a new sailing training center as early as this fall if talks with the Fort Adams Sailing Team come to fruition.

FAST approached the town over a year ago with an offer to raise funds, build, and then turn over to the town a sailing center at Fort Getty for use as an off-season training facility, Town Planner Lisa Bryer said. During the summer months, the center would be used as a family sailing center.

The FAST sailors now use a rented space at Fort Adams to train, but feel that Jamestown would offer a more easily accessible option. "Ft. Adams is busy and it is not very convenient to get to," Bryer said, adding that a lot of the key people involved in FAST are from Jamestown.

The best thing about the cen-

ter, according to Bryer, is that one was already planned for the space at Fort Getty. "When we did the Fort Getty Master Plan in 2005, we actually had the words sailing center on the document. So, we were really amazed when FAST approached us. It just seemed to fit in with the plan," she said.

When looking at possible uses for Fort Getty, the town hoped to increase resident use of the park through water dependant functions. "It seemed to really be engulfed by the trailers, and the town wanted something that could survive in conjunction with them, but would really benefit the residents of Jamestown," Bryer said.

Plans for the facility include a \$250,000 to \$350,000 sailing center, approximately 10,000 square feet in size near the existing boat ramp in the park.

Bryer said one option for running the center would be similar to the Jamestown Golf Course.

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6 inches

Andrea Brayman, a physical education teacher at Lawn school, took a tongue lashing from Drill Instructor Gunner Sgt. John Saul for a good cause last week. The Marine Corps DIs were at the school to talk to the students about the importance of physical fitness in everyday life.

Photo by Adrienne Downing

Town splits unpaid water bills 50 - 50 with four customers

By Sam Bari

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser announced at Tuesday's Town Council meeting that he made a decision to split an unpaid \$2,796 water bill 50-50 with the customer. The council approved the decision with a 4 to 0 vote.

Tammy and Stephen Fasano of 37 Standish Rd. were hooked up to

town water service, but the charges for their monthly water usage were inadvertently omitted from the sewer and water bills from Sept. 2002 to July 2008.

The town admits fault for not sending the bills. However, according to the town ordinance, the customer is still responsible for the unpaid charges.

The matter was an agenda item at a previous town council meeting and the council asked Keiser to "work something out" because the customer was not aware that they were not being charged.

Keiser said that he offered to split the bill 50-50 with a monthly payment plan upon town council approval. The Fasanos agreed to

the arrangement.

"We found four other accounts that were not billed," Keiser said. "One of the bills for \$1,200 was paid. That customer will get a 50 percent refund. The others will be sent letters about their billing status and will be offered the 50-50 arrangement," Keiser added.

He said the accounting depart-

ment is looking into the software that issues the bills to determine if anything can be done to keep these incidents from re-occurring.

In other water and sewer business, Department of Public Works Director Steve Goslee reported that:

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School record

Mike Spahr, an North Kingstown High School junior, broke the school's high jump record for the second time in one month with a jump of 6 feet.

Photo by Caitlin Downing

Town awarded \$30,000 wind energy grant

By Sam Bari

The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation has awarded Jamestown the first municipal grant from the state's Renewable Energy Fund.

A symbolic giant-size check for \$30,000 was presented to Town Council President Julio DiGiando and members of the Wind Energy Committee, as well as to former state representative Bruce Long who was responsible for securing the funds.

Fred Hashway, director of Government Affairs, told the Town Council that the town was awarded the grant to conduct a wind power feasibility study to determine the feasibility of erect-

ing and operating wind turbines in Jamestown.

Hashway said that the town will also match the grant with an investment of \$25,000.

Following the award ceremony, Don Wineberg, chairman of the Wind Energy Committee gave a committee progress report.

Wineberg reported that the committee developed a goals and objectives list consistent with the charge from the town council. He said the committee also identified the top 10 potential sites for wind turbines and developed RFQs for select consultants to prepare the feasibility study.

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