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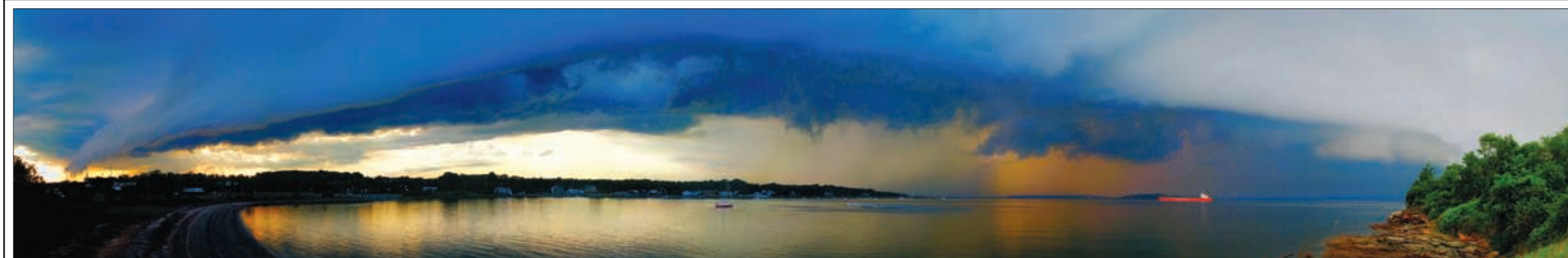
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Prize winner
Jamestown resident Diane Harrison won first prize in photography in the Newport Art Museum's

annual juried exhibition. Her winning panoramic photograph, "The Departure, Part I", was taken last summer at Potter Cove. The show runs through Monday, May 25. Photo by Diane Harrison

Shack

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outside the building, he said.

After hearing back-and-forth discussion between Jamestown residents and Liberati, Committee Vice Chairman Mark Swistak outlined a few conditions.

There will be a review of the recommendation for the shack in one year; operating hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with 30 minutes preparation before opening and 30 minutes cleanup after closing; no additional seating beyond a few tables at the shack; no cooking or external machinery; no signs except for one on the side of the building; and no external music.

"I'm trying to look at the unintended consequences that we might end up regretting," said committee member Nancy Bennett, who endorsed restrictions.

After the meeting, Swistak said he is confident the town will be able to maintain control of the lunch shack and any of the restrictions the town chooses to apply. "It becomes an issue of enforcement," he said.

Parking was the largest concern of area residents, many of whom said parked cars in the past have blocked fire hydrants and impeded emergency services vehicles, whose large size make turning around difficult on a crowded street.

West Ferry resident Mary Brennan and her husband, William "Bucky" Brennan, showed pictures of car-crowded streets. Mrs. Brennan said the street was already crowded before the lunch room, and such an attraction would likely bring more cars.

"I'm very, very concerned about the additional cars being generated," she said. "We really don't want the introduction of more traffic down there."

Liberati insisted the planners have no intention of making the lunch shack a tourist destination. Committee member Barry Holland said the lack of advertising and publicity will likely keep it a small operation.

"I have a little trouble believing that it's going to be that attractive," he said. "Why would anybody want to be down there unless they were going to be down there in the first place?" He said boaters already have to park a long way down the street to walk to their boat; increased traffic is unlikely.

Even residents who liked the idea of being able to buy food for an afternoon of sailing said the extra traffic will be a problem.

"How much fun is it to come up there and just watch what's going on?" said Kate Smith, a resident of West Ferry. Smith said she owns a sailboat and admitted she would appreciate being able to buy food close to the harbor. But, she said the attractiveness of Dutch Harbor will bring more people and cars.

Several other residents expressed

concern over a spike in tourism; families with children could spend a few hours watching boats, and large crowds could pollute the shore.

Liberati said large crowds probably won't be an issue, because his son has no intention to advertise the lunch shack and will only have one sign for it—the one on the side of the building—and Swistak included that in his list of conditions.

Liberati further tried to reassure the residents by saying the four or five tables the shack will have should also limit the size of the crowd it can accommodate. But, Spencer Potter said he was "unalterably opposed" to the idea of a lunch shack.

Residents also expressed worries about other issues, like trash and "becoming a destination." Potter said the idea of a shack may be a small operation now, but it is the "nose of the camel under the tent," and said it will disturb a quiet, peaceful community, and a lunch shack would poorly serve the community.

Liberati said the shack planners voluntarily acquired a larger trash receptacle because they intended trash was overflowing and looking bad, and pointed out that they conceded to shorter operating hours. The commission said the original proposed hours were 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the planners agreed to closing at 6 p.m.

Liberati said the first season of the shack, which could be this summer, will be a testing phase to see if the operation is even profitable.

After the meeting, Liberati said the restrictions are reasonable.

"I think we can live with them," he said. "This is a brand new property, so we really don't know what the future will bring."

Tuition

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200 students a year to NKHS and pays a tuition based on a formula agreed to in 2001 and updated in 2003.

The formula is calculated by a combination of three factors; the per pupil expense at the high school, bonding costs related to the school and indirect costs relating to administrative expenses. The per pupil cost is figured by taking the total general education costs for educating students at the high school, subtracting transportation expenses, which Jamestown pays directly, and grants and school lunch funds and dividing by the number of students enrolled in the program.

The same formula is used to set tuition rates for special education and English Second Language students. Jamestown is billed per service for students enrolled in the general education program, but who receive special education services, such as speech or reading instruction.

Two points raised most often by North Kingstown residents who feel Jamestown is not paying its share involve the impression that Jamestown is paying tuition based on an outdated number and that Jamestown did not regionalize with North Kingstown to increase the bond rebate from the state.

"The building and the land are not our asset. If, when the current contract expires and North Kingstown chooses not to renew it, we walk away with nothing," Jame-

stown School Committee chairwoman Cathy Kaiser said.

Former Jamestown School Committee member Sirje Carl, who was the committee's chairwoman at the time of the 2001 contract, said Jamestown was not asked to participate in the bond issue nor to regionalize with North Kingstown. "Even if we had, I am not sure it would have been legal," she said. "It is not as easy as it sounds to regionalize a school district, especially when we do not have a binding vote on their school committee. Their citizen's voted on the bond issue. We can't vote in North Kingstown."

North Kingstown Director of Administrative Services Ned Draper suggested an effective method might be for Jamestown to pay a portion of capital improvements necessary to maintain the building during its life cycle, such as needing a new roof.

There has also been some question of whether Jamestown pays tuition based on a two-year old figure. Kaiser said Jamestown closed this gap when the formula was re-evaluated in 2003. "The state provides a 30-percent rebate on the bond which, for several years after the new school was built, which was not passed on to Jamestown. When both towns mutually agreed this was not a fair arrangement and revised the funding formula, Jamestown stayed on the old formula for one more year to front load our tuition, thus reducing the two-year gap to one," Kaiser said.

Draper was asked by the N.K. school committee to provide his

evaluation of the current contract, and found that removing Jamestown students from NKHS would not provide a savings to the town, but would create a budget gap of more than \$1 million.

"It may be important to consider, that although the cost to educate a Jamestown pupil is consistent with our costs, the savings of not providing this service is not dollar for dollar. Due to the nature of high school scheduling, a reduction in students does not provide a direct reduction in staff," Draper said. "I estimate savings of no more than 10 teacher salaries. This would leave approximately \$1 million budget gap, or more, each year of subsequent operations."

Draper's assessment of the contract formula was that it "is the most accurate and fair calculation for both parties."

Thornton agreed with Draper and said he prefers not to think of "our students and Jamestown students," but said instead he considers them all NKHS students. "It is not an us and them. We are all one family," he said.

Thornton said he hopes the relationship between the two towns will continue for a long time. "We not only want Jamestown students, we need the Jamestown students to continue to provide the great variety and education we give to students at the high school," Thornton said.

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