

## Zoning

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found in or around the building, Brockmann said. Some windows also have lead-based caulking, which will need to be fixed.

Zoning Chairman Thomas Ginnerty declined to comment on a post-meeting question about whether JAC's non-profit community organization status influenced the lack of opposition it faced in the parking issue.

"You will have to draw a

conclusion on your own if [non-commercial] use was a factor," he said. The question was raised in light of the wake of a recently proposed lunch shack at Dutch Harbor Boat Yard, which drew heavy opposition from neighborhood residents who said it would further agitate a parking problem in the area.

The property at 18 Valley St. was used as a boat-repair and painting facility by Conanicut Marine Services. The price was listed at \$699,000, but JAC offi-

cialists said they will pay less than that. The board declined to specify the price because of financial sensitivity, but said it is still in the \$600,000 range. Renovations could add up to \$150,000 to the overall cost, Petrie said after the meeting.

The beauty of the building is that it looks like an arts center already, according to Petrie. "It will not take an awful lot to get it functioning well," she said.



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Calling all boat builders! Mark your calendar now for the 32nd annual Fools' Rules Regatta, sponsored by the Jamestown Yacht Club. The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Town Beach at East Ferry. Participants will begin construction of the "vessels" with a 9 a.m. cannon start.

Participants are given two hours to construct a sailing craft of non-marine items. The craft may be pre-constructed, but must be disassembled and built again on the beach.

Races begin at 11 a.m. with the Class 1 race.

Vessels compete for first, second and third place in each class. Classes are determined by the number of participants on the vessel: one, two, three, four, and five or more (unlimited class).

Coveted awards of the day include the Karl Smith Most Ingenious Design, the Worst Example of Naval Architecture and the Frank Newman Judges' Award.

Although the highlight of the regatta is often the unlimited class, whose vessels range from 15 to more than 40 feet in length and are crewed by as many as a dozen or more hardy fools, the Class 1 participants, who in the past have included one child in a sandbox propelled by an umbrella, are equally engaging.

The event attracts regional attention, and participants and spectators come from far and wide.

The event is open to anyone who likes to have fun and be foolish, and there is no entry fee.

Chris Powell, chief fool, will once again chair the event.

Call 423-1492, or visit the Jamestown Yacht Club website at [www.jyc.org](http://www.jyc.org) for information and rules. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 16.

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