

## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 25, 2009, AT THE JAMESTOWN TOWN HALL 93 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE, JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND AT 7:00 P.M. UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Application of Victor Bell, EPI Real Estate Holdings, LLC, whose property is located at 41 Narragansett Ave., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 211 for an amendment of a previously approved special use permit from Article 6, Section 82-601 to make part of a previously approved gable roof into a flat "green" vegetated roof. Said property is located in a CD zone and contains 10,210 sq. ft.

Application of George Dolos, whose property is located at 23 Narragansett Ave., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat

9, Lot 568 for a special use permit from Article 3, Section 3-1 No. 10 Mixed Use, to change the second floor office to an apartment. Said property is located in a CD zone and contains 5,225 sq. ft.

Application of Valerie Tessier, whose property is located at 529 Seaside Dr., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 3, Lot 36 for a special use permit from Article 3, Section 82-314 to construct a single family home within the "High Groundwater Table and Impervious Layer Overlay District". Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 15,300 sq. ft.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

THOMAS GINNERTY,  
CHAIRMAN

Fred Brown, Zoning Officer

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-800-745-5555 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.  
(Aug. 6,13, 20)

### JAMESTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE August 19, 2009

6:30 p.m. Executive Session:  
RIGL 42-46-5: Exception 2,  
Litigation re Appeal of Regents'  
Decision  
RIGL 42-46-5 Exception 2,  
Contract Negotiations  
RIGL 42-46-5 Exception 2,  
Collective Bargaining: Accretion  
RIGL 42-46-5, Exception 1,  
Personnel:  
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
Lawn Library

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Roll Call

1.0 Public Forum

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting  
of July 15

2.2 Payment of Bills for July 20,  
August 3

2.3 Personnel

3.0 Correspondence

4.0 Old Business: For

Discussion and Possible Action

4.1 Food Service Update

4.2 Teacher Evaluation Tool

4.3 FY10 Budget

5.0 New Business: For

Discussion and Possible Action

5.1 Pending Legislation

5.2 Vote to Approve Bid for

Melrose Fire Alarm Upgrade

6.0 Information and Proposals

6.1 Superintendent's Report

6.2 Principals' Report

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 SITS

7.2 SELAC

7.3 Facilities

7.4 N.K. High School

7.5 SORICO

7.6 Legislative

7.7 Policy

7.8 Wellness

7.9 Teacher Evaluation

Committee

7.10 High School Review

8.0 Public Forum

9.0 Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

September 3, 2009 @ 7PM in

Lawn Library

Any agenda changes will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 423-7020 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Dr. Marcia Lukon, Superintendent

## Horn

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safety system."

The fire horn runs on air and the fire alarm system set up across the island uses cable, he said.

"When we lose power, pagers don't work," Tighe said. "The paging system is electronic. There's no way to page people if the power goes out."

Not having the horn, Tighe said, could be a dangerous situation should the island lose power during a thunderstorm or hurricane.

Connie Slick, who lives across from the fire station on Narragansett Avenue, said her biggest concern about the horn is its sheer volume.

"I see people clutching their chests and covering their ears," she said. "I've seen roofers doing work on the building across the street startle. It's way too loud for people."

There is no denying that the horn is exceedingly loud. But Tighe said the volume simply isn't adjustable.

"It's blown at the same level forever," he said. "There's not a valve or button we can push to lower the sound level."

Weather also affects how loud the horn seems, Tighe said, adding that some days he can hear it from his home on the north end, while

on other days, he cannot.

But while some Jamestowners cannot hear the horn from their homes, Bell said his clients can hear it – all the way in China.

"When we're on the phone to China, they think we're having an emergency," he said.

Bell said the horn's blasts make it difficult for his environmentally sensitive company to open its windows.

"The horn disturbs business," Bell said. "We try to close the door and wait until it's over."

While the fire horn is a necessary part of public safety in Jamestown, Tighe said residents can expect some relief soon. In mid to late-September, new equipment will be installed that will change the number of blasts the horn blows. It will no longer blow the box number, he said; instead, the horn will blow 16 blasts when there is an emergency between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

"It will let people who can't hear their pagers know that there's a problem," Tighe said, adding that those people will then know to check their pagers. "Then, the dispatcher will come over the pager and say where the fire is."

At night, between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., Tighe added, the horn will blow just eight blasts in an emergency.

That in itself is a big change, ac-

cording to Tighe. In the past – depending on the box number – you could hear up to 52 blasts of the horn.

As for eliminating the horn entirely, Tighe said that decision is about more than weather and power outage considerations.

"We've looked at the cost of text messaging and cell phones," he said. "It's cost prohibitive. We're one of the only towns left to have an all-volunteer fire department and we've got 100 volunteers. You can't expect people to bear the cost of text messaging."

As it is, the new equipment to be installed in September will cost the town \$36,000.

"That's just to be able to cut down on the blasts," Tighe said.

Although some in-town residents said they don't love the fire horn, they remain grateful to the fire department for its efforts.

"It has nothing to do with my gratitude and appreciation of what they do for us," Slick said.

Town Council President Julio DiGiando said he wasn't hearing much about the fire horn from residents, but said it is clear that the fire department feels it needs the horn.

"It would be nice if there was a way we could maintain the level of public safety, but didn't have to hear it," DiGiando said. "It's nice when there's peace and quiet."

## Volunteers needed for town boards and committees

The town of Jamestown is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on several boards and committees.

There are five vacancies on the newly established Recycling Committee. This committee is charged with reviewing current residential solid waste collection disposal policies and practices and identifying strategies employed by other local governments to achieve high community recycling rates. The committee will present recommendations to the Town Council regarding new ordinances and/or amendments, fee schedules, financing options and public education approaches. The town administrator and public works director will be voting members on this committee.

One vacancy for a citizen-at-large exists on the Jamestown Fire Department Compensation Committee, for a term ending May 31, 2012. The committee makes annual recommendations to the tax assessor regarding members' eligibility for tax exemptions.

One vacancy for an alternate member currently exists on the Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review, for a term ending May 31, 2012. This board hears

and considers the appeal of any property owner concerning the amount of assessed valuation as determined by the assessor. The board keeps accurate records of its proceedings that are available for public inspection.

One member vacancy exists on the Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee, for a term ending May 31, 2010. This committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on issues related to housing. Members sit as a review committee for proposed housing trust fund projects, and conduct studies and analyses of the current housing conditions in Jamestown, to be used as part of the comprehensive plan.

Any resident who is a qualified elector and is interested in serving should submit an application by Sept. 4, 2009, to the town clerk. Applications are available at [www.jamestownri.net](http://www.jamestownri.net) or at the town clerk's office at 93 Narragansett Ave. Persons who have submitted applications in the past are encouraged to re-apply. The town of Jamestown has adopted an affirmative action policy and will make appointments consistent with that policy.

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## Talent show to be held next weekend

The Jamestown Community chorus will host its 20th annual talent show on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Recreation Center. Tickets are \$7 general admission, and \$5 for seniors and children.

This year's producer is Ginger Holland, with David MacLean and Dan McGregor serving as co-directors. Frank Darigan will be master of ceremonies.

The 2009 Jamestown Community Chorus raffle drawing will also be held during the event. Ticket holders have a chance to win Jamestown Chamber Bucks gift certificates in denominations of \$100, \$75 and \$50. These certificates are redeemable at businesses all over Jamestown. Raffle tickets (\$1 each or \$5 for a book of six) may be purchased at the talent show, and will also be available at raffle stations this weekend at McQuade's Marketplace and at East Ferry.

Advance tickets for the show are available at the Secret Garden, Baker's Pharmacy and Jamestown Hardware.

For more information, call 423-1574 or visit [www.jamestownri.com/chorus](http://www.jamestownri.com/chorus).

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